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THE FARM AND FIRESIDE.

What We Know About Farming.

Feeding Cows and Cattle.

As a general thing, cattle that are fed for beef and cows kept for milk, are not fed high enough to obtain the greatest profit. It requires a great amount of food to sustain life, and an excess must be given if we obtain fat or a good amount of milk. When animals are fed but a little more than is necessary to keep them in a stationary condition, but little fat is laid on and but a moderate increase of milk is given. This is poor economy, as it would require but a little additional food to more than double the increase of fat and milk. If there is any profit in feeding cattle for market, or in the production of butter and cheese, it certainly will pay much better to feed heavily than by trying to economize by feeding sparingly. Best of cattle or milch cows may be fed all they can consume, and yet not lay on fat or give but a small quantity of milk. It is not the amount given, but the quality, that makes the increase and profit. Nothing is equal to grain to produce fat; therefore it is the cheapest food that we can use, for the flesh of an animal that has been fatted in a short space of time is preferable as food to that of a creature that has been a long time preparing for the shambles; and, of course, such beef will meet with a ready sale and command a good price. An animal fatted in the shortest space of time consumes less food to lay on one hundred pounds of flesh, by at least one-third, that it would if fed twice the length of time to attain the same weight. Milk may be produced abundantly by feeding cows turnips, beets, carrots, cabbages, apples, potatoes, etc. They are better than grain, I think, at least when fed during the winter. However, a generous mess given daily of wheat bran is excellent. Corn or corn meal is not generally believed to be a good milk producer, as its tendency is to make fat. Red clover hay and corn stalks are much better milk producers than timothy hay or most kinds of dry fodder. Regular milking and kind treatment cannot be disregarded without showing serious effects.—*Ohio Farmer.*

Milk Cooling.

The *Prairie Farmer* gives the following as the mode of cooling milk now practised by the Chicago milk dealers, they having discarded the use of ice: A can is filled with milk and is placed (with the cover off) in a stream of spring water till the temperature of the milk is very nearly the same as that of the water. The milk is not stirred while the cooling process is going on. Most farmers have a cooling vat of a capacity four times as large as the milk vessels that are placed in it. The cans are placed on slats near the bottom, and an arrangement is made whereby the cooler water from the spring flows in at the bottom, while the water warmed by the milk flows off at the top. The water should stand an inch over the body of the can. With good conveniences, milk, in ordinary sized cans, may be cooled in about thirty minutes. Where farmers have no springs, they rely on water pumped from wells. When the milk has been cooled in this manner, the covers are put in place and the cans are covered by blankets if they are exposed to the sun. Nearly all the farmers now unite in the opinion that milk is injured for any purpose by being cooled too suddenly, as by the use of ice or the employment of patent coolers. They also agree that warm milk should not be mixed with that which is cold, as is frequently done by pouring milk into a can that already contains milk cooled by the use of ice.

Which is the Most Profitable: Milk, Butter, or Cheese?

This question was asked us by a friend whom we met in the office. This is truly a hard question to answer, and one, too, which will never be answered long at a time. It may be set down as a rule that under similar circumstances, no one will long be more profitable than the other two, for a change from one to the other may be readily made. The item which exercises the greatest influence over a choice of the three, is the distance from market. Milk can only be sold to an advantage within a certain distance from market; butter may be shipped further, and the distance from which cheese may be shipped seems unlimited. As an assistance in making a selection, we may remember that a pound of cheese is equivalent to nine and three-quarter pounds of milk, and one pound of butter to twenty-four pounds, and eight quarts of milk to seventeen pounds. Single trials may vary from these figures, but we give them with confidence as the result of repeated trials in different parts of the country.—*Journal of the Farm.*

Assafetida and Its Use.

Assafetida is a resinous gum, the produce of the plant *Ferula assafœtida*, a native of the mountains of Persia. It has alternate double-winged leaves, nearly two feet long. The gum is collected from the root of the plant, which is long, and sometimes as thick as a man's leg, and rises above the surface of the ground. It is a powerful medicine, and is used in whooping cough, flatulent colics, and other diseases of a like nature, and also as a vermifuge. In Oriental countries, it is used as a remedy for various diseases, and even as an external application to wounds. Notwithstanding its fearful odor—which even at ordinary temperatures, but especially when heated, will pervade everything about it, the Oriental nations esteem it as a condiment, or seasoning for food. Some of the Indian nations of Asia use it in almost all their dishes, and even rub their mouths with it in order to whet the appetite. It is even used in minute quantities by scientific cooks, as a substitute for garlic, which it resembles, but in an intensified form. In our own country, it is a favorite with many farriers for horses out of condition, as a means of increasing the appetite; but its use is constantly diminishing, since in other agents, less offensive, in a great degree, now take its place.—*Western Rural.*

Wen or Tumor on the Jaw.

Wm. Horne, V. S., in *Western Farmer*, in answer to an inquiry how to treat the tumor, says:—"Tumor upon the angle of the jaw is, in cattle, I am sorry to say, now quite common, and quite incurable. The operation may be accomplished as follows:—Open it to the very bottom to give exit to any matter or pus, or any other foreign substance which may be contained therein; leave a good opening at the bottom or lower portion of the tumor; inject with a glass syringe, dilute nitric acid, half rain water and one-half pure acid; do not inject more than twice, or three times at farthest, leaving two days between; then inject solution carbolic acid and tincture myrrh and aloes, alternate the one for the other. A second and safe way is to run a deep seton through the tumor—the tumor—there is not so much bleeding or trouble; dress with common turpentine and carbolic acid for say three dressings each—or four. Keep from rubbing parts, and if in stanchions take him out and simply tie him.

Cross Breeding of Hens.

In deciding whether we are to keep pure or cross breeds, we are to keep in view our particular aims. If the purpose is to obtain eggs, it is generally better to use the pure breeds, because the most eggs are produced by those species which do not set, and this trait is very apt to disappear in crossing; at least it is not regularly preserved. A sitting and a non-sitting breed, produce a cross that sits in almost every case; two non-sitting breeds produce a cross of which by far the greater part are sitters. If it is intended to raise fowls for the table, there is much advantage in making a cross, or at least no good reason for keeping the races pure. The first generation from a proper cross produces hardy chickens, of rapid growth and good constitution. Beyond one generation, however, it is not advisable to continue the cross.—*The Poultry World.*

Against Shoeing Horses.

An old farmer writes to the *Ohio Farmer:* About thirty years ago, I thought horses ought to be shod, and continued this practice several years, but by degrees I discovered I was mistaken. The facts began to leak out, one by one, to prove that it is not best to shoe horses in places that are free from stone or gravel. In the first place horses that are shod are liable to so many diseases of the feet; and next if they choose to use their heels, they have destruction behind them, and if one has a mind to tread on a fellow's foot, it causes some pain, especially if they are rough shod, and unless they are rough shod, shoes are of no advantage on slippery ground. A horse slips worse with smooth shoes than he does barefoot. And again, in a soft snow, horses with shoes ball up so that they can hardly get along, while a barefoot horse goes right along.

Harvesting With Headers.

The practice of harvesting wheat with headers has been strongly denounced by millers and others on the "Pacific Slope." The millers there especially complain that they often have flour returned on unmerchantable, for the reason that it makes clammy bread. We have never heard the same objection raised in the West, but the quantity headed in the grain-growing sections of the West is comparatively small, since the climate is not well adapted to this system of harvesting. According to the Portland *Bulletin*, every practical miller in Oregon has declared emphatically against them, and many have gone so far as to demand that a circular should be issued from the State Agricultural Department, warning the farmers against using headers for harvesting wheat.

Ages of Horses.

We have not found in our observation, a surer or better way to tell a horse's age than by the teeth, and these vary, so that the test is not infallible. The general indications of old age, independent of the teeth, are: Deepening of the hollows over the eyes, and about the muzzle; thinness and hanging down of the lips; sharpness of the withers, sinking of the back, lengthening of the quarters; disappearance of windgalls and tumors; sharpness of the bones, especially the jaws, and the articulations of the tail; and a general angularity. We do not believe that the age of a horse can be accurately told by the wrinkles about the eyes, any more than it can be done in the human subject. These are simply indications of age, and, of course, must vary as they do in man.—*Western Rural.*

Bones for the Orchard.

A correspondent of the *Western Rural* says: About ten years ago, while setting out some apple trees, I gathered two bushels of bones and put them under two trees; they are now twice as large as any other in the orchard, of the same variety. Three years ago, the mice girdled one which was two inches in diameter, from the ground upward, six inches; this I did not see until in the Spring. I cut four cions and shaved them off on one side and put them under the bark, above and below the girdle, in the same manner as for budding, and banked it up above the cions. The tree did not grow much that year, but it now looks well and healthy; three out of the four cions grew and nearly cover the gnawed space. JAMES S. WOOD.

Practical Recipes.

Chocolata Blancmange.—Grate a quarter of a pound of sweet chocolate in one quart of milk; add a quarter of a pound a gelatine and a quarter of a pound of powdered sugar. Mix all in a farina kettle or a pitcher, and stand it in a kettle of cold water over the fire. Stir occasionally until the water boils, and then stir continuously while boiling for fifteen minutes. Dip a mould into iced water, pour in the blancmange, and stand aside to cool. When cool, turn it out of the mould, and serve with sugar and cream.

Boiled Haddock.—Scrape clean and empty the fish, and fasten the tail firmly in the mouth. Tie it in a well-floured cloth, and lay it in a fish kettle or ordinary sauce-pan. Cover it with cold water, and let it heat slowly. When it simmers, push the kettle back to prevent boiling, and simmer gently for twenty minutes; or, if the fish is very large, half an hour. Serve with melted butter, parsley and slices of hard-boiled eggs.

Butter Cakes.—To half a pound of butter add the same quantity of brown sugar, three eggs, the rind of two lemons, a quarter of an ounce of cinnamon and a tablespoonful of ginger. Work into it as much flour as will make it a paste, cut it into shapes, and strew over the top some powdered almonds and candied orange-peel. Bake in a slow oven.

Eve's Pudding.—Grate three-quarters of a pound of bread; mix it with the same quantity of finely shred suet, the same of apples and the rind of a lemon. Stew with these four eggs beaten to a froth. Put it into a shape and boil three hours. Serve with pudding-sauce, in which is a little lemon-juice.

Children's Loaf Cake.—Five cups of dough, two of sugar, one of butter, ground caraway seed and two eggs. Line pans with buttered paper, and bake as soon as light. Use homemade yeast.

Orange Pie.—A few good, tender, juicy oranges, skinned, cut up and placed under a crust, as one would do with apples, make a really good pie.—*The Day.*

BLOODY INDIAN WORK.

Terrible Details of the Late Modoc Massacre.

When on the 29th of November last Captain Jack and his Modoc warriors were driven from their encampment on Lost River, Or., a portion of the band who had for some months occupied a position across the stream near the white settlements of Tub Lake seized the opportunity to perpetrate a most bloody massacre. William Boddy, his two stepsons, Richard and Willie Crarigan, and his son-in-law, Nicholas Scheira, were cutting firewood in the timber not far from their home, and about noon the team of the latter came at a gallop, driverless, down the road to the farm-house, and both it and the driver was seen to be covered with blood. Mrs. Scheira, thinking her husband had been thrown out, ran up the road a quarter of a mile, and found him lying by the roadside shot through the head, but still alive. He expired in a few minutes. Six Indians dashed past the house, and Mrs. Scheira, at once suspecting the truth, hurried on in search of the other men. A little further on Richard, the elder stepson, was discovered, killed and stripped naked, lying across his wagon. Horses and harness were gone. Mr. Boddy had been chopping wood a quarter of a mile further on, and a number of Indians were seen at that point. The woman dared not go on, and turned back to find Willie, who had been tending sheep near the house, lying in the field with a bullet through his breast and his throat cut. Only the women of the family escaped. Their nearest neighbor and all his family but the wife were also slaughtered. The two women, Mrs. Boddy and Mrs. Scheira, traveled till dark in the two feet of snow, and sat down under a tree to wait for morning, and finally, totally exhausted, reached the Lost River bridge in the afternoon of the next day. The Indians had been threatening assault openly for months but it was not considered that a guard from the fort was necessary. As it was the services of the soldiers were confined to discovering and interring the unfortunate victims.

A Lead Pencil Run Through a Man's Body.

[From the Jersey City Journal.]

A remarkable accident occurred on New Year's night, one the narration of which would not be believed. It appears that reliable parties tell the story, and the man hurt has been seen and interviewed. It appears that, on the evening of the day mentioned, William Lautier, driver of 5 engine, Jersey City Fire Department, started for supper, his residence being in Sixth street, near Coles street. When near home, he slipped upon a piece of ice, falling backward, and the flesh near the shoulder-blade was penetrated by the point of a well-sharpened lead pencil, which stood upright imbedded in the hard-encrusted snow. The pointed wooden dagger pierced through his two coats, underclothing, and then through the whole body, coming slightly out—the end—in his breast, near the armpit. He ate his supper, and did not feel much pain until two hours later—though he thought he felt a little sore. He went back to the engine house, and there and then he said he thought he had broken a bone in his fall. His coats were stripped off, and then his friends saw the sharp point of the pencil, protruding slightly, the other end buried in the body, being imbedded in his back. All who saw the sight were astonished, as well they might be. Dr. Reeves was immediately sent for, and he and Foreman Hogan had to take pinchers, and cut and slash at the flesh before they could get hold of the pencil so as to pull it out. The job of extracting it was difficult. Lautier now lies at home, weak in condition, though he will recover. This must be set down as the most remarkable case of stabbing, and of "penciling by the way," on record.

Cora Pearl and the Fashions.

Cora boasted one day at a dinner in Paris given to a few familiar friends, gentlemen well known at the Jockey Club, that she could not wear the most bizarre chapeau without having it copied at once. I may here remark that Miss Cora made her own designs, and if she wanted to make a present of a scarf pin or an onyx cap she always made a drawing for it. A bet was made upon this statement, and taking one of the visitors' hats she smashed it, trampled it under foot, cocked up the brim, and jammed in the crown, then dexterously trimmed it with ribbons and stuck a white feather in the top. It then had to be christened, and the name finally pitched upon was the "Rabagas." The improvised chapeau was worn in the Bois de Boulogne, and the next day a similar hat, but made of other materials, was placed in the windows of the modiste who supplied the inventor. A more ugly hat was never mounted upon the chignon of a lady, yet in a week it had become the mode, and for long months "the rabagas" has been all the fashion. Since it must have reached New York ere this, it is well, perhaps, to give the origin of this monstrosity, born of a convivial dinner and a very damaged tile.

The Constitutional Convention.

NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS OFFERED.

Special Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16, 1873.

LOCAL OPTION FOR INDIANA COUNTY.

The following were presented:

By Mr. Mann: A petition from the people of Indiana county asking for the insertion of a "local option" clause.

PRIVATE CORPORATIONS IN THE STATE.

By Mr. Woodward: *Resolved*, That the Auditor-General be requested to respond without more delay, to the resolution of inquiry adopted on the 27th of November last, in respect of the private corporations doing business in Pennsylvania.

ONE LUCRATIVE OFFICE AT A TIME.

By Mr. Bear: That no person shall be eligible to hold more than one lucrative office at the same time; nor to hold any lucrative office in this State while holding a lucrative office under the United States.

LANDS FOR PUBLIC USE.

By Mr. Ross: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Railroads and Canals be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution "that the original allowance of 6 per cent. to the patentees of land, under the proprietory grant, shall not be deemed or taken as a payment of the damages of any landowner of land appropriated for public use."

ELECTION OFFICERS EXEMPT FROM JURY DUTY.

By Mr. Barclay: That the Committee on Elections be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution that it shall provide that every person who shall be elected or appointed to serve as an election officer, and who shall do so freely and without compensation, shall be exempted from serving as a juror during the year following the year of his service.

THE SUPREME COURT.

By Linn Bartholomew: *Resolved*, That the Committee upon the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of reporting a section to Article 5th of the Constitution, in substance as follows:

The Supreme Court shall consist of fifteen Judges, to be elected by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth in the following manner, viz: The State shall be divided into seven judicial districts, to embrace, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants. Each district shall elect two Judges, to hold office for fifteen years, except the district composed of the city of Philadelphia, in which there shall be three Judges elected; that each elector shall be entitled to vote for one Judge.

That eight judges shall constitute a quorum; that there shall be held at Pottsville, Wilkesbarre, Erie, Williamsport, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Nisi Prius courts, to be presided over by a judge of the Supreme Court to be for that purpose assigned from time to time by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; that the terms of said Nisi Prius courts shall be fixed by the Legislature, and said courts shall have jurisdiction in the district where the same shall be holden of all matters involving the title to lands, and of all contracts and trespasses where five hundred dollars and upwards are involved; that this section of the Constitution shall go into force and effect at the next general election for State officers after the adoption of this Constitution or amendments proposed by this Convention.

IMPEACHMENT.

By Mr. Newlin: *Resolved*, That the following article be inserted: "Upon information by the Attorney General, or upon complaint of any citizen on oath, to the Supreme Court, of malfeasance in office by any State officer, the said Court shall proceed without delay to hear and determine the same, and if a majority of the Judges shall be of the opinion that the charge is sustained in law, they shall render such officer. The several Courts of Common Pleas shall have like jurisdiction in the case of all township, borough and Ward officers. The vacancies thereby created shall be filled in the same manner as vacancies in the case of vacancies occurring by death or resignation.

RELATING TO JUDGES.

By S. A. Reynolds, of Lancaster: *Resolved*, That the Judges of the several Courts of this Commonwealth shall hold their offices for the term of 25 years, and thereafter be ineligible.

Provided, That all Judges shall be retired at 75 years of age, and shall, after their term of office has expired, or been terminated by retirement, receive a pension equal to two-thirds of their annual salary, but no pension shall be paid to any Judge unless he shall have served for at least fifteen consecutive years.

THE STATE PRINTING.

By Mr. Curry: That the Legislature shall provide by law that all stationery required for the use of the State, and all printing, binding and engraving required by them to be done for their use, or for the State, shall be let by contract to the lowest bidder; no member of the Legislature, or other State officer, shall be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any such contract.

BOARD OF INSPECTORS OF PRISONS.

By Mr. MacConnell: There shall be a Board of Inspectors of penitentiaries, jails, houses of refuge, houses of correction, and other prisons in the State, and all public insane asylums or infirmaries whatsoever in the State, which Board shall consist of three persons, who shall be elected by the local voters of the State. At the first general election after the adoption of this amendment, three Inspectors shall be elected, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; except as aforesaid, the term of office of said Inspectors shall be three years, and it shall begin on the first Monday of January next after their election. The Legislature shall fix salaries.

COUNCIL OF PARDONS.

The persons composing said Board shall, with the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General, compose a Council of Pardons, with power to grant pardons and reprieves, to modify sentences in all criminal cases, and to change any sentence of death to imprisonment for life, or for a term of years. A majority of said Board shall be a quorum, but no pardon or modification, or change of sentence shall be granted, unless at least four of said members concur therein. In every capital case, wherein application is made for a pardon, &c., the Board shall order that the sentence not to be executed until the application shall be heard and determined by said council; provided that no pardon shall be granted before sentence; and provided further, that no pardons, reprieve or change or modification shall be granted except by said Council and in manner aforesaid.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF ELECTION DAY.

The proposed new sections reported from the Committee on Suffrage, etc., providing for holding the State Election upon the day of the Presidential and Congressional election in November, and fixing the third Friday of March as the day for the Spring elections throughout the State, having been adopted in Committee of the Whole, now came up on the second reading. After considerable discussion and various amendments, which were defeated, the section, as adopted in Committee of the Whole, was passed.

PHILADELPHIA, January 17, 1873.

LOCAL OPTION FROM BLAIR COUNTY.

From the citizens of Blair county was presented a petition asking for the enactment of "local option" laws.

ABOLITION OF STATE MERCHANDISE INSPECTORS.

From the Commercial Exchange, through Mr. J. Price Wetherill, was received a memorial asking for the abolition of all State Inspectors of Merchandise.

PRIVATE BEQUESTS.

The following communication was read:

"*To the President and Members of the Constitutional Convention.*—GENTLEMEN: I ask your attention (if within your province) to have a law passed prohibiting the publication of the *private* bequest and private terms of any one's will except by parties interested in the will.

"In this day's Philadelphia *Inquirer* the private bequests in the wills of the late John A. Brown and Washington Butcher are published. It is a great invasion of private rights. With much respect, yours, J. FISHER LEAMING."

THE PARDONING POWER.

A memorial was presented from the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, setting forth the bad policy of letting the pardoning power in the Executive of the State. Having investigated the subject, the Society comes to the conclusion that the system practiced in New Jersey was preferable to any other, the Governor, Chancellor and Judges of the Supreme Court forming a Board of Pardons, and it recommends that the Convention should imitate New Jersey in the matter of pardons.

WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

A memorial was presented signed by a large number of women, setting forth that "all just governments derived their powers from the consent of the governed," and that taxation without representation is an usurpation, and that the Convention so amend the Constitution of the State as to secure to women the exercise of suffrage.

Mr. J. P. Wetherill presented a number of memorials of like import.

MILITARY AT ELECTIONS.

By Mr. Hopkins—That the 5th section of the 9th article of the Constitution shall be amended to read "That elections shall be free and equal," and electors shall not be controlled or intimidated on election day by the presence of military, either State or National.

LAW OF LIBEL.

By Mr. Corson—Amending article 9, section 7, so that at the end thereof it shall continue as follows: And no conviction shall be allowed except upon positive proof of personal malice on the part of the publisher of the alleged libel.

INFORMATION WANTED.

By Mr. M'ue Veagh—*Resolved*, That the chief clerk be instructed to address a letter to the Prothonotary of each city and county of the State, requesting them to furnish to the Convention the number of civil causes at issue on their respective dockets and a copy of the last trial lists in their respective Courts, showing the date when such trial list was called, the date of the issuing of the original writ in each case thereon, and the number of cases actually tried, and that the clerk report the replies to the Convention, arranging the counties in alphabetical order; and that a like return be requested from the Prothonotary of each district of the Supreme Court, and of each District Court in this State.

Mr. Worrell moved to amend, "and that the Clerks of the Court of Quarter Sessions shall certify the number of returns, to each term, made within the last two years, and the disposition made of each return by the Grand Jury and the Court."

The whole subject was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

By Mr. Bear—That all elections shall be by ballot, except those by persons in their representative capacities, who shall vote viva voce. Each ballot shall have written or printed upon it the name of the office to be filled, and the name or names of the candidate or candidates for such office for which the elector wishes to vote, and nothing else; but no ballot shall have upon it the name of more than one office, nor the names of candidates for more than one office.

PHILADELPHIA, January 18, 1873.

After the reading of the Journal, a paper relative to compulsory education was presented.

A petition was presented from the people of Wyoming county asking for the insertion of a local option clause.

By Mr. Gibson: That in case the Committee on the Judiciary report in favor of the election of Judges by the people, and the same is approved by this Convention, that the said election of Judges shall be held at the time of holding the spring elections, and not on the day of the general election.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

By Mr. McMurray—That no Fire Insurance Company shall be incorporated in this State with less than $300,000 *bona fide* paid up capital—Mutual Companies excepted—nor shall any foreign Fire Insurance Company be admitted to do business in this State, unless it shall have at least $500,000 *bona fide* cash assets.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATURE—MINORITY REPORT.

Mr. Buckalew called for the question on minority report to the Committee on Legislature.

By Mr. Miles—*To the President and Members of the Constitutional Convention*—GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned, members of the Legislature, respectfully dissent from the majority report of said committee, so far as relates to the biennial session of the Legislature.

The proposition it embodies changes the time of meeting of the law-making power of the State as it has existed since the foundation of the State Government. It is contrary to the policy pursued by a large majority of our sister States, the Legislatures of twenty-three of them holding their sessions annually.

In our opinion there are many reasons why our Legislature should meet annually that do not apply to any other State. No State in the Union has so great and diversified interests as has Pennsylvania. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have been cited as instances whose Legislatures meet only once in two years.

Those States, in the main, are purely agricultural. General laws can easily be framed to suit the wants of the people. They have none of our coal, iron, oil, and a great variety of other interests that are peculiar to Pennsylvania.

Ours as an agricultural State is second to none of them, besides producing more coal, iron, and oil than the balance of the Union to say nothing of her ten thousand miles of railroads, and the manufacturing and commercial interests of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other great and rapidly growing cities of the Commonwealth. If it were necessary formerly to hold annual sessions when we had a population of 300,000, is it not quite as necessary when we have a population of nearly four millions?

It may be answered that when local and special legislation is prevented by Constitutional enactment, the work of the Legislature will be greatly reduced, and there will be no necessity of meeting oftener than once in every two years. Suppose local legislation is prohibited, the wants of the people will remain the same. What they now obtain by *special* they will then require by *general* law. We take it for granted that local and special legislation will be prohibited by the Convention.

If their work shall have been ratified by the people, what will then be our condition? There are but few general laws in the State under and in pursuance of which a dollar can be safely invested in any of our great material interests as they now exist. Who would have invested in railroad law." But under it not a dollar has ever been invested; not a foot of road has ever been built, nor do we believe there ever will be. Its provisions are so clogged with inadmissible and conditions that it beautifully illustrates the doctrine of "how not to do it." Then we have a general mining and manufacturing law, but it seems to have been drawn with a view of preventing any one from availing himself of the benefit of its provisions. So far as your committee know it has remained practically a dead letter upon the statutes of the State. Heretofore men of small means, when they have associated themselves together for the purpose of pursuing any kind of business have generally gone to the Legislature for a grant for doing the same. In the future everything will be done by general law. No special privileges will be granted. Under any member of this Convention tell how long it will take to devise general laws that will subserve the interests of our four millions of people, and effectually develop our agricultural, coal, iron, oil, railroad, commercial and manufacturing, and the great variety of other interests that are peculiar to our people and State, and which need the aid of the law-making power for their development and protection? No man to-day can tell what will be our needs in the future, and if the Legislature is prohibited from enacting local and special laws, there will be a greater need of annual sessions than ever before.

If the report of the Committee in regard to biennial sessions is adopted, we will find ourselves in the condition of having prohibited the Legislature from giving us any special relief, and then by Constitutional enactment of having prevented that body from aiding us by general law oftener than once in two years.

[Signed] JEROME B. NILES,
HENRY W. WHITE,
GEO. F. HORTON.

MERCER COUNTY.

The Fire at Greenville—The Town Nearly Destroyed—Over Thirty Buildings Burned—Loss $80,000.

The Greenville *Advance*, extra, contains the following particulars of the destructive fire which visited that place on Wednesday last:

"Greenville has at last been visited with a terribly destructive fire. On Wednesday evening at ten o'clock, the alarm of fire was sounded through our streets, and flame and smoke began issuing from rear of buildings on the south side of Main street occupied by Simons Rayner & Co's. Flour and Feed store and Dry Goods and Millinery establishment of T. J. Brundage, in one of whose establishments the fire originated—no one seems to know which. A brisk fire was then raging at the time, and the devouring flames spread with astonishing rapidity. The two buildings named, together with all others on the same side of the street between the wholesale grocery house of Moore & Bright on the west, to the Merchants' Block on the east, were entirely consumed as well as everything in the rear of these buildings except two small warehouses, back to the first alley.

"Crossing Main street diagonally from the Hardware store of Dickey & Boles on the West, to the dwelling of John Ramsey on the East, back to the first Alley, was totally destroyed.

"North of this alley and between it and Shenango street, S. L. Hendrickson's barn and wash house, Mrs. Boles' wash house, Dickey & Boles' tin shop, S. C. Dickey's dwelling, barn, and R. Packard's table and chair factory. North of Shenango street the residence of John E. Hull caught from a flying ember before any other building near to it was on fire, and burned like a tinder box, before much of the second floor was saved. From this house the barns of Wm. McMillen caught and were soon in ashes, and here the flames expended their force in this direction and stopped. The Presbyterian church, by vigorous efforts was saved in a slightly damaged condition.

At half past ten a telegram was sent to Meadville for assistance. At about three o'clock, the Chief Engineer reported with three engines, At this time the wind was blowing briskly from the southwest and threatended to drive the fire through the furniture establishment of John Thompson to Mercer street. The engine commenced playing upon it at once, and in less than twenty minutes had gained a decided victory over if at that point. By 4 P. M. the fire was under control.

"The total loss may be stated at thirty-two buildings, viz.: twenty-two stores and shops, six dwellings, one hotel, one office, and four barns, besides some half dozen dwellings on the second story of business houses—an aggregate—goods, furniture, &c., included, of $80,000, on which there is an insurance of about $44,000 showing an absolute loss to our citizens of some $33,000. The incidental losses to our business men will be of course heavy, but we have only to say, cheer up. Two years hence more than all our losses will be made up. Let there be a disposition to bear each others burdens, and all will be well."

A LITTLE GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Nettie Whaley, a little six old daughter of John Whaley, met a terrible death on Thursday evening last. She met with two other children, who had been out playing, and becoming cold, went into the house to get warm, taking position in front of a bright fire, which was burning in an open coal stove. The others had retired from before the front of the stove, when the clothes of the unfortunate little victim took fire, and in an instant she was enveloped in flames. Her older sister raised an alarm, but before aid reached them by Constitutional enactment of having prevented that body from aiding us by general law oftener than once in two years.

THE CAPITAL.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 16, 1873.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

President Grant has issued the following:

Washington, D. C., January 17.—By the President.—Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of the President of the United States that many persons holding civil office by appointment from him, or otherwise under the Constitution and laws of the United States while holding Federal positions, except offices under the authority of the States and Territories in which they reside, or of municipal corporations under charters and ordinances of such corporations thereby assuming the duties of the State, Territorial, or municipal office at the same time they are charged with the duties of the civil office held under the Federal authority; and,

WHEREAS, It is believed with few exceptions the holding of two such offices by the same person is incompatible with the due and faithful discharge of the duties of either office; that it frequently gives rise to great inconvenience and often results in detriment to the public service, and moreover is not in harmony with the genius of the Government—in view of these premises, therefore the President has deemed it proper thus and hereby to give public notice, that from and after the fourth day of March, A. D. 1873, except as herein specified, persons holding any Federal or civil office by appointment under the constitution and laws of the United States will be expected while holding such office not to hold any under any State or Territorial government or under charter or ordinances of any municipal corporations and further that except as herein noted the continued holding of any such State, Territorial or municipal office whether elective or by appointment by any person holding civil office as aforesaid under the Government of the United States, other than judicial offices under the Constitution of the United States, will be deemed a vacation of the federal office held by such person and will be taken, and will be treated as a resignation by such Federal officers, of his commission or appointment in the service of the United States. The offices of Justices of Peace, of Notaries Public, Commissioners to take acknowledgement of deeds, of bail or administer oaths shall not be deemed within the provisions of this order, and are excepted from its operation, and may be held by Federal officers. The appointment of Deputy Marshal of the United States may be conferred on the sheriff, and deputy sheriff and deputy postmaster, the emoluments of whose office will not exceed six hundred dollars per annum, are also excepted from the operations of this order, and may accept and hold appointments under the State, Territorial or Municipal authority, provided the same be found not to interfere with the discharge of their duties as postmasters, heads of departments; and the officers of the Government who have the appointment of subordinate officers, are required to take notice of this order and to see to the enforcement of its provisions and terms within the sphere of their respective departments or offices and as relates to the several appointments under them.

Respectfully by order of the President.

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

HARPER'S FERRY.

The Government appears to have been unfortunate in its sale of the famous arsenal and grounds at Harper's Ferry. The purchasers are endeavoring to secure the passage of an act relieving them from payment of the balance due. According to an adverse report made by the House Military Committee, it appears that the arsenal site and adjoining grounds, with the dams across the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, were sold in December, 1869, for the aggregate sum of $297,803.50.

The sales were made entirely on credit, and only $1,486 have been paid by the purchasers. Profits are derived by those holding a portion of this property, on which there have not paid any portion of the purchase money. On one tract there were large deposits of iron ore, which is now being sold by those holding the long postponement of purchase money. So also with the purchases of the ferry and of lots with buildings on them. The Committee say the purchasers have three years on which to improve or make sales.

They have done nothing, nor even paid for that portion, of the property from whom which profits are derived. The Committee recommend that the bonds executed and the purchase money be promptly collected.

According a report of the House Military Committee, the Government is now paying ground rent for a number of the post it occupies in Texas. Only one—Fort Austin, is on ground owned by the United States. Twelve others are on leased lands. The Fort Bliss land rents at $25 per acre. 100 acres in all. Fort Clark costs $50 per month. The total annual rental paid at present is $6,660.

PITTSBURGH GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

General Negley made an argument to-day before the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds in favor of the bill making an appropriation for a site for new public buildings in Pittsburgh for the Government. The Chairman of the Committee seemed prejudiced against the appropriation, and said he thought the Government too large and that Pittsburgh should provide a site.

General Negley will continue to press the matter.

He, also with Dr. Woodworth, supervising surgeon of the marine hospital called in the Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House of Representatives, and argued in favor of an appropriation for a new marine hospital at Pittsburgh.

POSTAGE TO BE REDUCED.

The House Postoffice Committee to-day unanimously authorized General Farnsworth, the Chairman to prepare a bill to reduce the postage to two cents, and require payment on all printed matter except on weekly papers circulating in the counties where they are printed—these to be entered free. Estimated by the Committee for the Postoffice Department shows that $1,300,000 are annually lost on account of postage on printed matter being uncollected or confiscated by Postmasters.

NIAGARA FALLS.

A correspondent of the Smithsonian Institute, who has spent considerable time in investigation of the subject, in answer to a remark by Prof. Henry, that "the immense water power at Niagara Falls may in the progress of practical science be applied to the purpose of industry," states that by the "last census there are 51,671 water wheels in operation in American manufacturing establishments, giving a power of 1,-130,416 horses, while Niagara Falls gives a power of 11,363,360 horses."

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

Six hundred and fifty new claims were filed before the Southern Claims Commission during December. 350 during the first half of the present month, making 18,700 filed in all since March 1871; of which about 2,700 have been reported to Congress for payment or disallowance, leaving 1,600 yet to be decided and reported in addition to such other claims as may be filed within the limit fixed by law.

CHEAP WINE.

The representatives of the manufacturers of imitation champagne wines, who have just been before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in favor of an exemption from the tax of ten and twenty cents on pints and quarts respectively, will, it is reported, secure such exemption under section 48 of the amended Internal Revenue laws, when a circular will be issued from the Bureau to that effect in a few days.

OUTSTANDING BONDS.

There is about $1,000,000 of bonds yet to come in under the call made by Secretary Boutwell when the $2,000,000 of new loan bonds were taken by the syndicate. The delay in receiving them is caused by the misunderstanding of the law by bondholders and even some National banks which continue to buy the bonds and pay the interest on them in face of the fact that the interest closed in December.

ALCOHOL FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

Professor Agassiz called on the Commissioner of Internal Revenue yesterday, and requested him to recommend to Congress the passage of a bill allowing alcohol to be used free of duty, for scientific purposes, in scientific schools and other institutions of learning where this liquid is used in this way.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

The defeat of the Indian Territorial Oklahama bill in the House yesterday is a sad disappointment to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company as well as to a St. Louis delegation present uguing its passage.

RIVER AND CANAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Next Monday Gen. Negley will ask the House to assign some time for the consideration of the bills for the improvement of the Ohio river and the James river and Kanawha and Atlantic and Great Western canals.

WASHINGTON, January 20, 1873.

MORE NAVAL SHIPS.

The efforts of the Secretary of the Navy to get additional naval ships at last looks as if they would prove successful. Mr. Cragin, the Chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, intends to push the bill for ten additional naval ships until it becomes a law, and he feels confident that it will become so this session. The Secretary of the Navy wants two or three of them to be built of iron, but it is not certain whether this will be done. The knowledge of the committee is to the effect that iron ships getting into warm latitudes foul very speedily, and therefore they are not as desirable as others. The wooden ships will be built in the Government ship yards, and should Secretary Robeson's proposition be carried out for iron ones they will be let out under contract.

THE INDIAN COMMISSIONERSHIP.

There is an expression in Congress among Western members in favor of making the Indian Commissioner responsible to the President alone. The proposition has not been publicly agitated, for fear the impression would be conveyed that Congress mistrusted the competency of the present Secretary of the Interior to administer the government of the Indian Bureau. As there is now a vacancy at the head of that Bureau, a bill will be immediately reported in the House to make the Commissioner responsible to the President if Secretary Delano would have no objections. He will be approached upon the subject on his return from Cuba.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN OUR COINAGE SYSTEM.

Great interest is felt here in official circles as well as Congress in behalf of the passage of a bill providing for a new system of coinage. Inasmuch as the subject of a return to specie payment is broached and calculated soon to be brought about, it is desired that our coin operations should be fixed upon a permanent basis. Senator Sherman will call up next week, as soon as bills on the calendar are disposed of, the bill upon this subject already reported by the Senate Finance Committee.

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CIGAR MAKING.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has just prepared an exhibit, which shows the number of cigar manufacturers in each State and Territory, the number of employes and the amount of bonds given in each State, as well as the number of manufacturers in fifty of the principal cities of the Union. In Pennsylvania, the cigar manufacturers number 2,796; the employes, 12,858; and the amount of bonds given is $2,683,800. New Jersey manufacturers 558; employes 2,175; amount of bonds $496,500. Of the principal cities the following are given: Philadelphia manufacturers 701; Pittsburgh 65; Allegheny 51; Scranton 6; Reading 56. In New Jersey: Newark 133; Jersey City 76; Paterson 13.

The whole number of manufacturers in the United States is 12,300; number of employes 71,491; amount of bonds $16,044,900.

THE SENATOR ELECT FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Congress has been accused of delinquiney in not ordering an investigation into the alleged bribery charges by which Patterson, of North Carolina, was elected to the United States Senate. The facts that the present Senate has no power in the premises, Patterson having been elected to the Senate for the term commencing on the fourth of March, 1873, at which time it will be known what action will be taken upon his credentials.

SENATE INVESTIGATION.

The cost of the investigation into the case in which the election of Caldwell to the United States Senate is alleged to have been brought about by bribery, as well as the investigation of a similar charge against Powell Clayton, United States Senator from Arkansas, has cost the Government $10,000. The amount appropriated to meet the expenses attendant upon the investigation into the New Orleans troubles is $20,000, but the amount, it is said, will prove insufficient, so that the Senate investigation this session, it is estimated, will not fall far short of $10,000.

A HEAVY SUIT FOR GOVERNMENT TAXES.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue yesterday ordered that suit be brought against the New York & Erie Railroad Company for the payment of taxes due the Government on sterling bonds, to the amount of about $64,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEVEES.

The next two levees to be given by the President will occur on Wednesday, the 29th instant, and the 12th proximo, from 8 to 10 o'clock P. M.

EXECUTIVE MANSION.

Yesterday Senator Ramsey, Wright, Edmunds, Boreman, Hamlin and Spencer, the Secretary of War, Postmaster General, Representatives Dawes, Negley and Averill, Paul Strobach, Sheriff of Montgomery, Ala., Hon. John Cressna, of Penna., and a few others, saw the President.

A NEW NATIONAL BANK.

The City National Bank, of Griffin, Ga., is authorized to organize with a capital of $50,000.

THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE COTTON TAX.

The question as to the constitutionality of the cotton tax is much debated. It will be remembered that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upon which its constitutionality is based, was made by a divided court, that is, one-half for and the other half against; such a decision sustains the opinion of the court below, but can be made applicable to only the one case in question. The Government is very well satisfied with the matter as it now stands, and that is that the tax was constitutional, and now if those who are clamoring so loud for a refund of the tax desire to settle the matter on a permanent basis, let them put up a test case and get the decision of a full court.

WHAT THE CREDIT MOBILIER COMMITTEE HAS TO DO.

As the developments continue under the investigation by the Credit Mobilier Committee, the case seems to thicken and the future of it more uncertain. Judge Poland, of the Committee, although pretty certain the other day, that the Committee labors were nearly concluded, has had to abandon that idea, and will favor the Committee's continuance until all the facts are obtained.

THE MODIFICATION OF THE PATENT LAWS.

The House Committee on Patents think that they will certainly be ready to report to the House the bill modifying the patent laws under the next call for reports from their committee. Yesterday Joel Giles of Boston was given a hearing and submitted several suggestions. Mercury ranged at 42 during the day and cool tonight. Departed—C. K. Church and Charles Bodman, Cincinnati; Bismarck, New Orleans. The Andy Baum and General Lytle are lying so as to block up the entrance to the canal. The Smoky City and Grand Lake No. 2 are waiting for a chance to get through. The following tow boats arrived from Pittsburgh: Jno. Dieppold, Ella A. Corn, J. Sharp McDonald, Sam Parker, Verona, John H. Bigler, Tigress, John Hanna, Reculote, Dravo, Leopold. Boats expected to get off to the south on this rise: Oakland, Mary Ann, J. Sharp McDonald, John A. Wood, Simpson Horner, N. S. Bigley, Oakland and Mary Ann, which will probably leave tomorrow.

THE PROPOSED NEW STATE OF DESERET.

The following is an extract of a letter sent by a prominent person in Utah Territory to a Government official in this city, and gives his view of what would be the result of the admission of the proposed State of Deseret into the Union. What do you hear about the prospective State of Deseret? If you and your friends have any influence with any members, "button hole" them, and say "Gentiles" in Utah are seriously and justly opposed to the admission of Utah at this time. Brigham Young would be the first Governor, and the whole machinery would be Mormon, and they would strike terror to the souls of ye Gentiles and apostate Mormons. Brigham is now both Church and State, and is the most unscrupulous and wicked man I know; my private opinion.

THE POTTOWATAMIE INDIAN CLAIM.

The Pottowatamie Indian claim of $200,000 is up again. This is a claim of a portion of that tribe who remained east instead of going with their brethren to the plains of the far west in accordance with treaty stipulations many years ago. The western portion of the tribe got all the annuities under that treaty, hence the claim of those who remained in Michigan. The claim is a stale one, and as the probabilities are that the Indians are not to be much benefited if the claim is allowed, and as there is a doubt whether the Government is indebted to them under the treaty, the claim appears to be as far from settlement as ever.

THE SOLDIERS PUBLIC LAND BOUNTY BILL.

The bill to give bounties to soldiers in the shape of public lands still has its warm supporters and earnest advocates in Congress. Gen. Stoughton, of Michigan, the author of the bill, says that he firmly believes that should the bill pass every soldier would get his just benefits under the bill, and not be imposed upon by speculators. At all events the soldiers here in the Department, as an intelligent body as a class, have every confidence in the proposition, and are generally in favor of its passage.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Canvassing has already commenced among Congressmen by candidates for positions of officers of the House, under the next term of Congress. Many of the aspirants for these honors are at present employed about the House, and are seeking higher positions.

ALL HOPE GONE FOR THE COLORADO AND UTAH BILL.

The Chairman of the Committee on Territories in the House gives up all hope of the passage of the Colorado and Utah State bill, and says that even if the Territory had its full apportionment, 138,000 inhabitants, Congress would not vote to admit it as a State then.

A SEVERE SNUBBING.

The Department of Justice has been notified that Frank Tompkins, Wm. Bramlette, Ed. Hudson, and Wm. White, who were arrested for robbing the U. S. Mail, July 26, 1872, have just been tried by an Oregon court, convicted and sentenced to the State Prison for life.

A SWINDLER CONVICTED.

The Solicitor of the Treasury has been informed that the prosecution by the United States, of Michael Moore for attempting to defraud the Government, by presenting part of a United States bank note to the Treasury Department, for payment, has resulted his conviction by a Boston jury. The mutilated portion of the note was stolen from the files of the Treasury Department. DIAMOND.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1873.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

Wilson's Credit Mobilier Committee examined E. H. Rollins, of New Hampshire. He stated that prior to being Secretary of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, he was employed by the company in Washington in securing subsidy bonds and attending to the adjustment of accounts with the Quartermaster's Department. It was shown by Rollins from the books of the company that the first contract for the construction of the road was made with M. B. Hoxie; this contract was assigned by the Credit Mobilier; the Boomer contract did not appear in the books; the Oakes Ames contract was accepted by the Credit Mobilier and assigned to the Trustees; the Davis contract was accepted in November, 1868; witness was never connected in any way with the Credit Mobilier.

The Poland Credit Mobilier Committee was recalled this morning by Durant. He produced a list of the persons to whom he had transferred stock, and did not think any was held in trust for Congressmen. He produced the receipt of J. B. Alley for two hundred shares at one hundred and sixty dollars per share.

THE FINANCES.

The Senate Finance Committee have decided to report a bill fixing $4.86 65-100 as the value at which a pound sterling shall be received by officers of the United States Government.

In the Committee of Ways and Means, to-day, Ellis A. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to inform the Secretary of the Treasury that the committee does not propose to report any new legislation with reference to the negotiation of bonds of the United States.

Mr. Beck offered the following as a substitute:

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Treasury has laid before the Committee on Ways and Means what he had done in refunding bonds of the United States, and advised said committee that he would proceed to refund the remaining $300,000,000 authorized to be refunded at 5 per cent. upon the same terms as he did the last $155,000,000 of the $200,000,000 heretofore refunded, unless some action was taken expressing disapprobation of that course, and the committee having heard proof pro and con, and having no authority to express any opinion except through the House by which it was appointed, deems it to be its duty to lay all the facts and proofs heard or taken by them before the House; therefore

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Secretary of the Treasury to refund the bonds of the Government under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1870, upon the terms and through the agencies and machinery employed by him in the exchange of the last $155,000,000 of the $200,000,000 heretofore refunded under said act—first, because the present is not a favorable time, owing to the conditions of the money markets, for the United States to seek to force $200,000,000 of its bonds upon the market; second, because by the terms made with the last syndicate, and again proposed, the Secretary undertakes to put $4 out of the power of the United States, or any subsequent Secretary, to use the money subscribed for United States bonds for three months, for which course there is no authority of law, and because it is an indirect mode of paying a commission to the syndicate not authorized by law and in excess of the provisions of the act of July 4, 1870.

The substitute was voted for by Messrs. Beck and Kerr. Mr. Brooks was absent. The opponents were the remainder of the committee. The substitute was therefore rejected.

Mr. Kerr offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this committee that it has no legal or legislative authority to express, in its official capacity, any opinion or advice to any officer or department of the Government of the United States except through the House of Representatives.

This substitute was also voted down by a party vote, and Roberts' resolution was then adopted. Messrs. Beck and Kerr voting in the negative.

THE KANSAS BRIBERY CASE.

Geo. H. Smith, of Leavenworth, said he never knew or heard of money being used to secure votes for Caldwell.

John L. Pender, of Leavenworth, testified that Wm. H. Carson told witness he meant to make money out of this investigation.

Thos. P. Fenlan, Democratic member of the lower House, said that he voted for Caldwell because he was from Leavenworth and a fit man, and there was no chance of electing a Democrat. It was the general talk in Topeka that money was being used, but he knew nothing of any improper inducements being accepted or offered for votes. On the day when the first vote was taken he introduced a resolution directing the Speaker to administer to members an oath that their votes had not been and would not be influenced by a money consideration. The resolution was adopted, and about two-thirds of the members took it. One of the arguments against his resolution was that the members had taken an oath when they took their seats, and that was "swear enough." The votes of those who refused to take the oath were sustaining. He introduced the resolution because of the general rumors of corruption that prevailed.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the South Atlantic and Middle States, rising barometer, fresh to brisk northerly winds and clear and clearing weather, with falling temperature over the Gulf States, and possibly areas of light snow over the northern portion.

THE RIVERS.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the 24 hours, ending 3 P. M., January 21, 1873.

OFFICE OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. A., Pittsburgh, Pa., January 21, 1873.

	ABOVE LOW WATER.	INCHES.	CHANGES. RISE.	FALL.
Davesport..	5	0	0	0 1
Cairo	18	6	0	0 8
St. Louis....	9	4	0	0 0
Pittsburgh ..	9	0	0	0 0
Cincinnati..	30	5	5	4 0
Louisville ..	7	4	0	0 6
Memphis ...	11	11	0	0 5
Vicksburg..	17	8	0	7 0
Shreveport..	8	11	0	3 6
Nashville...	10	8	0	3 0
N. Orleans.	12	3	0	3 0

New Orleans below high water mark.

W. E. SMITH,
Observer Sig. Ser. U. S. Army.

CINCINNATI, O., January 21.—River thirty-one feet; rising. Arrived, two tows with coal from the Kanawha. Departed, Kittie Hegler, Kanawha river; Sam J. Hale, New Orleans; and the tow Yeoman, Simpson & 2, Grant, J. P. Dravo, light, Sam Clark, with five barges of empty coal oil barrels for Pittsburgh. Cloudy; slightly colder.

LOUISVILLE, January 21.—Rising all day an inch per hour; now 10 feet 3 inches in canal; 8 feet 3 inches in chute; 6 feet 9 inches over the rocks. Shore ice is brought down by the rise in large quantities. Damp and chilly all day. Mercury ranged at 36 during the day and cool tonight. Departed—C. K. Church and Charles Bodman, Cincinnati; Bismarck, New Orleans. The Andy Baum and General Lytle are lying so as to block up the entrance to the canal. The Smoky City and Grand Lake No. 2 are waiting for a chance to get through. The following tow boats arrived from Pittsburgh: Jno. Dieppold, Ella A. Corn, J. Sharp McDonald, Sam Parker, Verona, John H. Bigler, Tigress, John Hanna, Reculote, Dravo, Leopold. Boats expected to get off to the south on this rise: Oakland, Mary Ann, J. Sharp McDonald, John A. Wood, Simpson Horner, N. S. Bigley, Oakland and Mary Ann, which will probably leave tomorrow.

EVANSVILLE, January 21.—Cloudy and cool; mercury 36. The river has commenced rising. Down: Shannon, midnight: Mollie Ebert, 8 A. M.; John Gilmore and tow, 10; Arkansas Belle, 3 P. M. Up: Revere and Falls Pilot, 9 A. M. The Robert Mitchell leaves to-night. The Tarascon is ordered to lie over here. River clear of ice.

NASHVILLE, January 21.—The river commenced rising this afternoon, with seven feet reported on Harpeth Shoals. Weather fair and cooler. Arrived: Ella Hughes, Upper Cumberland. Departed: Burkesville, Upper Cumberland.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., January 21.—Clear and warm. River falling. Departed—City of Alton and Glencoe, the latter last night, New Orleans; Idie Weid, Evansville. The city of Chester, for St. Louis, did not get away until to-day.

NEW ORLEANS, January 21.—Arrived—Mary Alice and barges, St. Louis. Departed—Thompson Dean, Cincinnati; John B. Maude, Chicot City. Cloudy and warm.

CAIRO, January 21.—Arrived—Frank P. Gracey, 2 P. M.; R. W. Skillinger, Cincinnati, 3 P. M.; H. C. Yaeger, New Orleans, 5 P. M.; Lady Lee, New Orleans, 6 P. M. Departed—Mary Forsyth, St. Louis; Colorado, St. Louis, 2 P. M.; Pauline Carroll, St. Louis, 4 P. M.; Grand Tower, St. Louis, 4 P. M.; Capital City, St. Louis, 4 P. M.; Emma C. Elliott, Memphis, 4 P. M. River fallen six inches. Clear and pleasant. Thermometer 46°.

ST. LOUIS, January 21.—River falling slowly, with 6¾ feet of water at Horsetail bar. Weather clear and warm. The New Orleans lines are arriving. Freights—Flour $1, pork $1 50, whisky $2 50; pound freight 50c. Several boats will leave to-morrow for the South. There is nothing new from the upper streams.

POLITICAL.

The Wisconsin Senatorship.

MADISON, January 21.—Hon. T. O. Howe, the present popular Wisconsin Senator, was re-elected to-day. The vote stood in the Senate: Howe 22, Palmer 9; in the Assembly: Howe 67, Palmer 35, Eldridge 1.

THE NEW YORK SENATORSHIP.

ALBANY, January 21.—In the Senate, upon the nomination for United States Senator, Roscoe Conkling received twenty votes, Charles G. Wheaton five, Henry R. Selden one, and Wm. M. Evarts one.

In the Assembly Conkling received ninty-two votes, and Wheaton twenty-six. The election in joint session takes place to-morrow.

THE GEORGIA SENATORSHIP.

ATLANTA, GA., January 21.—The following is the result of the vote for United States Senator in the General Assembly to-day: Gordon 93, Stephens 56, Ben Hill 31, Fielder 17, and Akerman 13. The indications favor the election of Gordon to-morrow.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

SPRINGFIELD, January 21.—The vote taken in the two houses of the Illinois General Assembly this morning for United States Senator to fill the place now occupied by Senator Trumbull, resulted as follows: In the Senate—Oglesby 32, Trumbull 16, Coalbaugh 2; in the House—Oglesby 83, Trumbull 60. The two houses will meet in joint session to-morrow, and declare the result.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

HARRISBURG.

The Inauguration.

The Inauguration of John F. Hartranft as Governor of Pennsylvania.

AN IMMENSE CROWD AND IMPOSING CEREMONIES.

The Weather a Conbination of Sleet, Snow and Rain.

FEATURES OF THE PROCESSION AND THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

Gov. Hartranft's Inaugural Address.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 21, 1873.

INAUGURATION WEATHER.

"Old Probabilities" fell far short of doing justice to the weather of inauguration day, in his predictions of Monday night. On Monday there was a light fall of snow, in the evening it changed to clear, cold weather that gave promise of a bright day, but early this morning sleet, snow and rain commenced to come down in the most impartial manner, and has continued steadily all morning. Under foot and overhead the weather is simply detestable, sloppy and slushy on the ground, with falling snow, rain and sleet thrown in.

INAUGURATION VISITORS.

The crowd of inauguration visitors commenced to arrive yesterday at noon, and all eastern, northern and southern trains brought large accessions up to ten o'clock this morning. The West is not so well represented, and I hear of no organized bodies from that section. There are a great many Pittsburghers here floating around loose, but they are lost in the greater crowd from other parts of the State. Philadelphia makes a fine display, with several military companies, the Cameron and Hartranft clubs, and a full delegation of her representative politicians, including such men as Wm. B. Mann, Mayor Stokley, Postmaster Fulman, Register Shallcross, General Bingham and the lesser satellites that revolve about offices and office-holders. Next in the number of its representatives, comes Norristown, the home of the Governor elect. It send two fine companies, and one military company. General Hartranft came in with this delegation from Norristown yesterday afternoon, the Montgomery hose and steam fire—of which the General was formerly a member—company of Norristown, having been accepted as a personal escort, and honored with that position in the procession. It was accompanied by the Mariner Band of Washington. Even New York city contributes a delegation from the "Honorable Simon Cameron Association of New York," headed by Jim Fisk's celebrated Seventh Regiment Band. Of course there is more than a handful of Philadelphians who wanted sleep last night though not. Although all the hotels were crowded to excess, the Lochiel was adopted as a general headquarters, and it has been closely packed for the last twenty-four hours. Adjacent buildings were engaged, and filled up with bedding to accommodate the excess, who could find no room in the hotel.

THE CROWD LAST NIGHT.

The number of visitors here is said to be largely in excess of any former inauguration, and although every effort was made to accommodate them, yet there were large crowds who could not find lodgings last night in hotels, boarding or private houses. Some of the militia the Capitol, and held high carnival through the two hours. Rousing fires were kept going all night, and the visitors were made or made themselves tolerably comfortable. When other means of enjoyment failed, an improvised Legislature was put in operation, and we had many witty take-offs in modern legislation, bristling with sharp points. The streets were filled with good-humored but noisy groups until far towards morning. Of course there was some drunkenness and disorder, but a surprisingly small amount considering the inviting inclemency of the weather, the facilities, and the large numbers who had rooms on the streets.

SENATOR CAMERON.

This distinguished gentlemen arrived from Washington yesterday, to witness the final consummation of the greatest triumph of his life; the overwhelming ascendency of his political friends within the Republican party in every department of the State government, and his own election to the United States Senate under circumstances of unprecedentedly gratifying and economical character. Last night the Cameron Club, of Philadelphia, headed by Col. William B. Mann, hitherto a strong opponent of Senator Cameron, accompanied by Beck's Band, serenaded the Senator, but he plead fatigue as an excuse for not making a speech.

THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION.

All morning the principal streets were filled with crowds of spectators, and occupied by the marching and countermarching of civil and military organizations. The rain came down in a steady, but not very strong current, and the streets were slushy. The Governor elect, Governor Geary, heads of departments and invited guests, met at the Lochiel at ten o'clock, shortly before eleven the procession was formed and commenced to move over the route designated. First came the military, of which there were probably fifteen or twenty organizations represented, comprising about eight hundred or a thousand handsomely uniformed and well trained soldiers, preceded by a detachment of the Philadelphia City Cavalry. This part of the display was very fine, and was rendered more attractive by the numerous splendid bands of music which, in fact, good music and plenty of it, by noted bands from abroad as well as others nearer Harrisburg, was one of the features of the procession. There was a very fine turn-out of colored soldiers in those gaudy uniforms to which the African mind invariably turns.

After the military, as a special escort to General Hartranft, came the Montgomery Fire Company of Norristown. Next, in an open carriage, drawn by four horses, were General Hartranft, Governor Geary, Senator Davis, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and Revs. Charles A. Holmes, D. D., of the North avenue M. E. Church, of Allegheny City, Chaplain for the occasion, and Morris Ellis, of Norristown, surrounded the carriage as a guard of honor. The incoming and retiring Governor occupied the same seat, the former pleasantly saluting his friends at the windows and sidewalks, and the latter mechanically and absently trifling with a magnificent boquet.

A long train of carriages containing officials and prominent citizens followed the rising and setting suns.

THE SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

Next came the most gratifying feature of the procession to every Pennsylvanian, and one that made the heart beat quicker and the pulse throb at a livelier rate. This was the soldiers' orphan wards of the State, from the various orphans' schools of the eastern counties. The table follows, numbering seven or eight hundred, were dressed in blue uniforms, carried miniature muskets, were headed by a band from the Chester Springs Soldiers' School, and showed admirable training in their marching and general carriage. They faced the inclement weather most manfully, and their boyish enthusiasm seemed to carry them through the duties of the day without apparent fatigue. Ten schools were represented.

The Pennsylvania Railroad merits credit for the free transportation of the soldiers' orphans to and from the State Capitol. After the inaugural procession the orphans were entertained at dinner at the Pennsylvania House. The dinner was served by young girls from one of the orphans' schools; another pleasant incident. Brief speeches were made by Governor Hartranft and ex-Governor Geary.

AT THE WEST FRONT OF THE CAPITOL.

A stand had been erected from the west porch of the capitol building, large enough to accommodate the Senate and House, and others taking an official part in the inauguration ceremonies. It was simply decorated with red-colored bunting and State and national flags. In part of this rostrum, when the head of the procession reached the capitol grounds, there was assembled a closely packed crowd of two or three thousand people, all patiently waiting, under the penetrating sleet, to witness the ceremonies. The scene on the capitol grounds, despite the weather, when General Hartranft appeared on the balcony, accompanied by Governor Geary and the Legislature, and State and military officers, was very enlivening. Scattered over the grounds were hurrying groups of people, a half-dozen military bands were engaged in a lively contest for supremacy, while the thunders of artillery woke the echoes from the surrounding hills. Still the sleet came down pitilessly, flattening out the gay plumage of the soldiers and the ladies, until they all looked as if they were fresh from hard service.

It was one o'clock when the ceremonies commenced, by Senator Davis calling the assemblage to order, and introducing

REV. CHARLES A. HOLMES,

of the North Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of Allegheny, who offered the following prayer:

Thou, O Lord, only art wise, and great and good; Thou art King of all kings, Lord of lords, God over all, blessed for evermore. In Thee inhere all excellence and sufficiency. In Thy hand are all the destinies of all individuals and all communities. When there is prosperity, it is of Thy ordination; and when there is adversity it is with Thy permission. They are moulded who ignor Thee in any of the relations and concerns of life; and they pre-eminently wise who walk in obedience to Thy statutes, and with reference to Thy favor. Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain.

Be pleased, then, to allow us on this occasion to approach Thy footstool and invoke Thy presence and sanction. The administration of a great and venerated Commonwealth is to-day passing from the hands which have held it for the past few years into other hands. May he who retires carry with him Thy favor, and ever realize Thou art with him and his for good. May he who succeeds him come into his office with Thee upon his right hand; set up his banners in Thy name; ever recognize Thy supremacy, as an individual walk in the light of Thy countenance; as the head of a family find Thy goodness always about his home, and as our officer be constantly so inspired and assisted by Thee that during his management our honored State may reach an unexampled summit of prosperity, power and praise—all her interests, material, civil, mental, moral and religious being mightily advanced—all forms of vice being under ban; all forms of virtue being in the ascendant. And not only upon the Governor, but upon all in office throughout the State, let Thy hand be for good—making them men of clean hands and pure hearts—making them a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well.

Let Thy face shine upon the whole country; upon the President; upon all in authority; upon all citizens; upon all soldiers and sailors; upon the press; upon all parties; upon all sections; upon all churches; upon all schools. God of our fathers, be the God of their succeeding races.

Bless all nations. Reign over all lands. Govern all Governors. Shape all policies. Inspire all hearts till

"All men's good is each man's duty,"

till all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God—till all hands shall join to place the coronal of universal empire upon the brow of Thy beloved Son, and all voices shall unite to sing

"Being forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is a kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

Next followed the reading of the certificate of election of John F. Hartranft, as Governor of Pennsylvania, signed by the Speakers of the House and Senate, and the tellers of the two bodies.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Speaker Anderson, of the Senate, then administered the oath of office to General Hartranft.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Governor Hartranft advanced to the railing of the stand, and delivered his inaugural address. He was greeted with cheers when introduced, but, aside from this, there was no manifestation. The weather was a pretty effectual crusher-out of all enthusiasm.

Another salute was fired at the inaugural, there was more music, and the crowd gladly dispersed pretty thoroughly drenched, and with an investment in the way of colds and coughs that will last a while. For the remainder of the afternoon, the streets were thronged by visitors, until the early evening trains commenced to carry them to their homes. Fireworks are announced for to-night, and their success is doubtful, owing to the prevailing moisture. Fire water is more likely to come into favor.

ARCTIC.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 21, 1873.

SECOND DAY.

Inauguration day opened with a drizzling rain all night long. Delegations from various parts of the State, accompanied by bands of music, kept the unusually quiet city of Harrisburg in a continual state of excitement. But little sleep was had at any of the hotels from the noise of arriving delegations.

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS FORMING.

At eight o'clock the various military organizations began to form, all under command of Col. Prevost, of Philadelphia.

THE INAUGURATION.

The affair opened as late as twelve o'clock. The committee from the House, consisting of Messrs. Samson, of Clarion, and Newmyer, of Allegheny, escorted Speaker Anderson to the main stand in front of the capitol. It was one o'clock before "Hail to the Chief" from the Marine Band of Washington announced the approach of Governor Geary, passing through the capitol grounds. Ex Governor Geary walked arm in arm with Governor-elect Hartranft, flanked by Senator Elisha A. Davis and Gen. Hardy Smith, of Philadelphia, and Col. Noyes, of Clinton, and Wallowright, of Allegheny. Upon reaching the main stand, Senator Davis announced the orders.

Rev. Charles A. Holmes, of Allegheny City, then offered a prayer in which he implored heaping blessings on all nations, that all men's good might be each man's rule.

The Secretary of the Senate, Bassell Errett, then stepped forward and read the following certificate of election:

"We, the Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the Speaker of the Senate did, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1873, in the hall of the House of Representatives, in the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses under the Legislature, conformably to the constitution of said Commonwealth, and that upon counting the votes by a teller appointed on the part of each House, it appeared that John F. Hartranft had the highest number of votes, whereupon the said John F. Hartranft was declared to have been duly elected Governor of the Commonwealth.

"In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this day and year above written.

GEORGE H. ANDERSON,
"Speaker of the Senate.
"WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
"Speaker of the House of Representatives.
"Teller on the part of the Senate."

Speaker Anderson then came to the front of the platform, and received the certificate at the hands of the Governor elect, and recited the official oath. This being over, Governor Hartranft commenced his inaugurals as follows:

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives and Fellow Citizens: Permit me, through you, to tender my heafelt thanks to the people of this commonwealth for their partiality in the selection as the chief executive officer of the State has confided to their care. I take great pleasure in tuviling the attention of the Legislature to the suggestions and work of this excellent board, and shall unite in any plan that will help these gentlemen to accomplish their beneficent designs.

CONCLUSION.

We have great cause for thankfulness, my fellow-citizens, when we contemplate the happy and prosperous condition of our country. Recuperating rapidly from the ravages and waste of our great civil war, she is moving forward to the full era of progress and development, and in this march to a higher destiny, in which all the States are united, Pennsylvania should have a leading line van—a position to which she is entitled by the intelligence and character of her citizens, the magnitude of her resources, the extent of her industrial interests, and the grand results she has accomplished in behalf of the Union. In the face of the unparalleled smooth working of the political machinery, exhibited by this election, it is interesting to refer back to the shoals and breakers over which simon Cameron has been carried to the comfortable haven of an election undisputed by any one within his own party.

SENATOR CAMERON'S FIRST ELECTION.

General Cameron's first election to the United States Senate was in March, 1845, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Buchanan, to accept the position of Secretary of State under President Polk. The only offices held by the General, prior to that time, were agent to for the Winnebago Indians (hence "Winnebago Chief") in Wisconsin, and Adjutant General of the State. He was an active politician, however, and the recognized head of the then valuable faction in the Democratic party opposed to the pretensions of "the sage of Wheatland." The Democrats had a majority in the Legislature of 1845 of thirteen, and at the commencement of the session elected to the United States Senate for a full term, Daniel Sturgeon, of Fayette, the silent man, who in his twelve years' service in the Senate never made a speech. It was a convenient fell for the brainless intellectual caliber of Buchanan. But in the Legislature there were a number of anti-Buchanan Democrats, and by a union with the Whigs, they elected Senator over George W. Woodward to supply Buchanan's place. The election was a very exciting one. When the nominations were made in the Senate and House the day before the election, Woodward and Cameron were put in nomination in the House and thirty-one in the Senate, comprising about all the politicians in the State. Walter Forward and Harmar Denny of Allegheny were among those named. On the first ballot Mr. Woodward had 54 votes, Mr. Cameron 11, and James Cooper (afterwards elected Senator) 11. The remaining votes were scattered. On the second ballot, Cameron had 50, Cooper 50, and on the third he and Woodward tied on 56, with 20 scattering. The fifth ballot decided the contest; Cameron received 67 votes, Woodward 55, and there were six scattering. This was a sore blow to the friends of Mr. Buchanan in the party. They had just carried the State for "Polk, Dallas and the tariff of '42;" and their chief had gone into the cabinet as promier, when General Cameron's election put into the Senate the most conspicuous man in opposition to Mr. Buchanan in the State. General Cameron served four years in the Senate, going out in 1849, and supported the Polk administration in its Mexican war policy, but opposed its tariff reduction.

HIS SECOND ELECTION.

General Cameron's second election to the Senate at the session of 1857, was the most exciting event of his political career, and a surprise to both friends and opponents. Since his first election in 1845, the Republican party had sprung into existence, and General Cameron had identified himself with it from the start. At the session of 1856 he was a prominent candidate for the Senate, and the Democrats eight in the House, or five on joint ballot. John W. Forney, who had devoted his life to making Mr. Buchanan President, was first on the list of committee services in the Fremont campaign, was the caucus candidate of the Democrats. The Senate was then, and has always been since, the Isaiah of Forney's ambition. Mr. Buchanan, the President elect, with an unguarded expression of propriety and decency, wrote a letter urging Forney's claims on the Democrats of the Legislature for the Senatorship, and this letter was published in his behalf. It was pretty plainly intimated there would be no cakes and ale under the new administration for those Democrats who opposed the President's lucky. Cameron entered the field in a very quiet way; he secured the support of the Republican members, and the use of every member to be present. He was confident of his election, but no other Republican was. The Democrats had a "sure thing" on Forney. There was but one vote in Joint Convention, as follows:

Necessary to a choice	67
Simon Cameron had	67
John W. Forney	58
Henry D. Foster	7
Wm. Wilkins	1

And Cameron was elected. Three Democrats, the Hon. Jeremiah Sullivan Black and Messrs. Lowry and Mansfield, voted for him. There was an immediate outcry of bribery, and some even went so far as to name the sum. The excuse given by the three Democrats was that the character of the State under obligations to carry life that swept away all political considerations. The donation of Buchanan in behalf of Forney was also urged, but this excuse would not hold water with Lobo and his two associates, although it was the reason some of the Democrats voted for General Foster and Judge Wilkins. It was undoubtedly either a lively appreciation of favors received or the expectation of favors to come—gratitude or pureas—that moved the three Democratic representatives. Under this election General Cameron remained in the senate until he was called to Mr. Lincoln's cabinet as Secretary of War in 1861.

CAMERON VERSUS BUCKALEW.

In 1863, another Senatorial election came around. The Democrats had a majority of one on joint ballot. The Republicans named General Cameron as their candidate. It was the general expectation over the State that he would be elected, his friends claiming that he always had friends enough among Democratic legislators to bridge over such a small chasm as one majority. The Democrats were alive to the danger, however, and filled Harrisburg with Bill McMullin's Philadelphia roughs. When the joint convention met they thronged the hall, and the brushers were each given a card with the names printed on it of the Democratic members expected, or rather who must vote for Buckalew. Pistols were freely exhibited, and it was openly declared that any Democrat who voted for Cameron would not be permitted to leave the capitol alive. The intimidation was as absolute as it could be made. The vote stood: Buckalew, 67; Cameron 65, and William D. Kelley, 1. It was part of the current gossip of the day that the necessary vote had been secured to elect General Cameron, but the member who pledged it, when he saw the array in the hall, concluded the venture would be too much like foot with personal peril, even to oblige an old friend. Out of this election, it is said, the fend between ex-Governor Curtin and Senator Cameron had its origin, in the refusal of the former to take strong measures to crush out the intimidation of the Philadelphia ruffians. The Senator wanted the military called out, but the Governor refused until there should be an overt demonstration. This strengthens the supposition that the needful vote had been secured.

GENERAL CAMERON'S THIRD ELECTION.

In January, 1867, General Cameron was elected to the Senate for the term which expires on the fourth of March next and to which he has just been re-elected for the six years ensuing. He had bitter opposition this time in the Republican party. Curtin, Forney, Thadeus Stevens, Grow and Judge Kelley, all took the field against him, but he was too strong for them in caucus, and no revolt was attempted in the Legislature. In joint convention, General Cameron had 82 votes to 49 for Edgar Cowan. There was the usual outcry of the expenditure of large sums of money to influence the result, and a committee of investigation was appointed by the Legislature, but no evidence was brought before it to sustain the allegations.

With the exception of the nomination on the 7th of January last and the election to day, General Cameron's Senatorial pathway has not been one of pleasantness or peace, so far as elections are concerned. But the unanimity of the action of his political friends at this session and the freedom of his nomination and election from the suspicion even of improper influence, in any form or shape, should console the General for the rugged contest of the past, supposing, which is not at all probable, that he feels the need of consolation.

ARCTIC.

CAMERON.

The Vote for U. S. Senator in the Legislature Yesterday.

CAMERON 75, WALLACE 48, WRIGHT 1, T. M. MARSHALL 1.

A Straight Party Vote All Around.

REMINISCENCES OF SENATOR CAMERON'S FORMER ELECTIONS.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 21, 1873.

VOTE IN THE TWO HOUSES FOR SENATOR.

At three o'clock this afternoon, the Legislature met for the special purpose of naming a candidate for United States Senator in each House, under the provisions of the law of Congress regulating the election of Senators.

In the Senate, Simon Cameron was named by sixteen Senators, William A. Wallace, of Clearfield, by eleven Senators, Hendrick B. Wright, of Luzerne, by one Senator, and Thomas M. Marshall of Allegheny, by one Senator.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1873.

THE corner-stone of the First Protestant Church edifice in Rome was laid with imposing ceremonies on the 8th inst.

THE Examining Board at West Point have reported to the Secretary of War the names of eighteen cadets nominated last year for discharge. This is a large number of failures.

A BILL has been introduced into the Legislature of Kentucky "to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous, malt and vinous liquors within the State." This is surely an attack on "Old Bourbon."

SENATOR SUMNER has not been in his seat since the recess, and his present illness is thought by his physician to be of a serious nature. His death, although not now actually anticipated, should it come at an early date, will not have been wholly unlooked for.

MRS. SHERMAN, the Connecticut poisoner, has made a full confession, in which she admits having caused the death of eight persons directly and two others indirectly. She has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life, having escaped the gallows before her confession was made.

WE publish this morning the late allocution of the Pope, addressed to the Cardinals, which has caused such a profound sensation throughout Europe, and for the publication of which the Roman Catholic journals of Germany were suppressed. It will be read with interest by both Catholic and Protestant.

OUR dispatches from Minnesota describe the recent storm as the most severe that has been known in that section of country. Already twenty persons are known to have been frozen to death, and later accounts will doubtless swell that number. Horses and cattle have also suffered terribly, while railroad travel has been greatly interrupted by the deep snow.

THE new King *ad interim* of the Sandwich Islands is a Maine Yankee—Elisha H. Allen by name. He first went to the islands as an American Consul, afterwards was elected Chief Justice and presided with dignity. Whoever thought that a genuine live Yankee would live to be "King of the Cannibal Islands?" Wonders will never cease. We congratulate this scion of Uncle Samuel—King Allen I. all the way from Maine.

OUR dispatches again announce Indian depredations and the punishment visited. The Apaches this time are said to have attacked a New Mexico freight train, and killed the wagon-master. The Fifth Cavalry went in pursuit of the savages, caught up with them, killed all the warriors and took twenty-five women and children captive. This tribe, or portions of it, appear to be wholly beyond the influences of the humane system of the Indian Commission.

THE two gambling schemes got up to aid the "Public Library" of Louisville, netted to that institution, according to a report of the managers, which may or may not be true, the sum of $128,848.44. The tickets sold yielded one million one hundred thousand dollars, the difference of nearly a million of dollars being consumed in expenses of advertising, premiums to agents, etc. The sum gained to the Library will in the end prove a more serious loss to the people of that locality than the books will a benefit. It has made gambling somewhat respectable, and attracted to its demoralizing chances thousands who perhaps will rue the day they laid their first dollar on the turn of the library lottery wheel.

IN the case of Senator Caldwell, of Kansas, charged with bribery and corruption in securing his seat, it has been proven beyond a doubt, that money was shamefully used in buying up the votes of members of the Kansas Legislature. In one case, that of Senator Sayers, the price paid was $5,000, and in others $1,000 were paid. The State Treasurer testifies that Senator Caldwell told him to procure the names of all the purchasable members, which we presume he did, as he appears to know all about the matter. He is no better than his principal, and ought to be equally punished. We hope, if the evidence should remain uncontradicted, that an example will be made of Caldwell by his prompt expulsion from the place he has so wantonly disgraced.

IN answer to an inquiry of the House of Representatives, the Chief of Engineers reports that the probable cost of deepening the channel of the Mississippi, in order to permit the largest ships to sail up as far as New Orleans, will be $7,500,000. Also the amount already expended for the construction of a canal around the Des Moines rapids is $2,769,200. Also the amount already appropriated for the building of the canal around the falls of the Ohio, $2,887,462. He makes no reference to any estimates of costs for deepening the channel of the Ohio, because first, we suppose, he was not asked to do so; and secondly, it does not appear that Congress has yet waked up to the national importance of such a work.

During the rebellion the Government would have been seriously imperilled had the Ohio river been as low as it has been almost ever since that time. Its great importance at that time was admitted on all sides, as it would have been impossible to carry on the war in the departments of Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia without its aid. It is remarkable how low the water has been ever since the war closed, and this fact ought to stir Congress up to the necessity of expending some money on its improvement.

GOVERNOR DIX, of New York, says in his late message to the Legislature:

> "I suggest for your consideration whether the time has not arrived to repeal the usury laws, *leaving the established rate of interest to apply to cases in which no contract or agreement has been made.* It is believed that their continuance at the present advanced stage of civilization, and in a State so highly commercial as ours, can not be defended on any logical grounds. It has been feared that their repeal might, in agricultural districts, subject borrowers to the extortion of greedy lenders; but this apprehension has, in other communities, proved unfounded. In ruder conditions of society, when the laboring classes were, to a great extent, dependent on capitalists, there was a plausible argument in favor of limiting the rate of interest. But at the present day, when the eagerness to lend is quite as prevalent as the desire to borrow, and when labor has become independent and powerful, it needs no protection, direct or indirect, against capital in competing with it for the profits of production."

These words from such high authority are respectfully commended to our Legislature, and also to the members of the Constitutional Convention now in session at Philadelphia. The usury laws of the country are now and have been for many years dead letters on the statute books, and there can be no possible objection to the making of an agreement for an interest rate between borrower and lender. In case no contract is made, the State ought to establish a legal rate, but the practice now uniformly adopted ought to have the sanction of law.

SENATOR-ELECT BOGY, of St. Louis, the man who defeated Frank Blair, represents the ultra views of the Southern Democracy, and throughout the war was known to sympathize with the rebellion. He is a good man, however, and we are inclined to look upon his promotion over the faithless Frank as a deserved rebuke. Had the latter remained true to his party and its principles, and not fraternized with the Missouri Democrats,—in a word, remained true to himself and his once proud and enviable character—he would not to-day find himself defeated by those whom he attempted, against his honest convictions, to defend. The Chicago *Tribune* says of his successful opponent:

> "Louis V. Bogy, of St. Louis, elected United States Senator, *vice* Frank Blair, is a hard-shell Democrat, of Southern proclivities at the outbreak of the war, but he gave only his sympathies to that side, and continued, as now, prominently in the active business life of this city. He was the straight-out Democratic candidate for Congress in 1862, and so far held the party vote against the inroads of Frank Blair that Blair was beaten by Samuel Knox, who carried the contest into Congress and got the seat. He was also the straight-out candidate in 1852, when Thomas H. Benton, making a fight of his own, was elected to the Lower House. In his card, some weeks ago, offering himself as a candidate, Mr. Bogy called attention to his unrequited services in these and other years as leader of a forlorn hope, and he urged that his solicitude for Democratic integrity entitled him to consideration now, even at the hands of Liberals. Mr. Bogy is of advanced years—we think over sixty. He was once Mayor of St. Louis, before the war, and was for a time Commissioner of Indian Affairs under President Johnson.

AGRICULTURE IN CALIFORNIA.

California, it seems, continues to pay much attention to the development of its agricultural interests, and the State has gained many millions prospectively by virtue of a number of successful experiments which have been made in agriculture during the last ten years. They are improving their wheat lands, and have adopted in many localities new plans of sowing wheat, which they call dry sowing. Other experiments in reclaiming swamp lands have resulted in raising a vast body of lands, producing nothing heretofore, from a condition of comparative worthlessness to that of the very best lands in the State. They were always poorly off for grasses and have to rely upon the wild oat lands, which, however, are rapidly being reduced. The experiments for propagating new grasses were therefore numerous and mostly unsuccessful, but it seems as if one of them has already compensated for all the other failures—olfala is the one perennial grass, perpetuating itself by its roots, and proof against the dryest seasons. The culture of cotton has been advanced nearly or quite to a successful branch of agriculture.

The most important results have, however, lately been achieved in tobacco growing and in curing the leaf, and it is claimed that there is no tobacco produced in other States of the Union equal to some which was raised and cured in California during the past year. The result of one experiment last year was said to be the production of 1,500 pounds of tobacco per acre, at a cost not above four cents a pound, which was worth in the market at no time less than fifty cents a pound.

Let California continue in her efforts to become a prominent agricultural State of the Union, and she will do quite as well as she has done up to now by developing her mineral wealth. In fact, mining and farming must go hand in hand, and must be equally attended to to make a State rich and independent and the people happy and contented.

It seems to us very doubtful whether all the late mineral discoveries in California during the same period have been of so much real importance to the State as its successful agricultural development.

THE FUTURE OF FRANCE.

The death of the late Emperor of France will revive speculation as to the probable effect the event will have on the future fortunes of the Bonapartist dynasty. Many are of opinion that the death of Napoleon III. will prove the end of its strength, and that the young Prince—who is comparatively unknown to the public—will never be able to control a sufficient following to justify even so small an effort to regain the lost throne. The Bourbon lilies will doubtless periodically bloom again only to decay beneath the more powerful shadows of the flower of Orleans. The representatives of the latter House are not without considerable strength among the leaders of France, and may prove powerful enough, in the event of trouble coming upon the infant Republic, to overwhelm all opposition. The death of the aged President, M. Thiers,—not an unlooked-for event—may precipitate the struggle for power; and should it occur before the youthful Louis—now in his seventeenth year—has arrived at the years of manhood, and before he shall have gained an influential following among the recent subjects of his father, the chances are that the Orleans Prince may establish himself on the throne, as the army, as at present organized, is known to favor such a result. Even before the death of Thiers the turbulence of the National delegates in the Assembly, often now threatening serious trouble, may force upon the leaders the necessity of a stronger central Government, and pave the way for the establishment of a monarchy. In such an event, we strongly incline to the belief that the Orleans family will be placed in power. The disastrous results of Sedan, and Metz and Strasburg, have not been forgotten by the army nor the people; and laying all their recent calamitous troubles at the door of their late sovereign, they will naturally turn from his kindred, and seek future safety and liberty and peace from other hands than those of his youthful son and heir.

During the past eighty years three dynasties and five Kings and Emperors have passed away from this much disturbed land, while since Louis the Fourteenth not one son has succeeded his father on the throne. May we not hope that the Republic will prove more enduring than the reigns of all these ambitious Kings; that it is safely and permanently established in the hearts of the people of France; that it has at least something stronger and greater and more lasting to rely on than either the ambition of leaders, or the bayonets of the army? In this event it will endure the shocks of time, outlive all pretenders to the divine right to rule, and remain to bless and protect the land through all time. The past two years of quiet and prosperity justify the hope that the Republic will be allowed to stand, if the determination is left with the rightful sovereigns—the people of France.

THE GRAND JURY.

We are glad that the people of this country are gradually but surely awakening to the extent of the evils growing out of our present Grand Jury system, and to the criminal nature of many of the magisterial returns made under the same. For a long time back we have noticed and commented upon this mockery of justice, but so wedded do we become to our "time honored" customs and methods of procedure, that our eyes are frequently blinded to the most glaring and manifest absurdities, and we fail to correct old abuses until we are brought up standing by some event of more than ordinary significance. There is not a Judge on the Bench in this county today, not an Attorney at this bar, nor a man who has acted as a Grand Juror during the past ten years particularly, but who knows and will testify to the worse than criminal license taken by many of our so-called magistrates in the return of cases to the Grand Jury. It is by no means a singular nor exceptional circumstance that the alderman is found to be the real prosecutor in the case, leading a simple and confiding creature into difficulty, disgrace and expense in order wholly that he may put money in his purse, and regardless of the ends of justice and his oath.

Nor is this all, by any means, or the end of the suffering entailed by the pernicious system. Tom sues Dick for assault—the result of a hasty and bloodless quarrel which should have ended without further trouble. The 'Squire hears Tom's story, and holds Dick for trial, fixing his bail at a figure beyond his possibility of obtaining it. The result is he goes to jail—say for a period of two or three months—to await the action of the Grand Jury in his case. At the end of this time he is returned to Court for trial—he may remain another month in jail awaiting it—and after the loss of all this time, and the suffering entailed upon his family in consequence of it, he is fortunate if he gets off with a slight fine and another month, either at the Work House or the County Jail. Often such cases are dismissed by the Grand Jury after the accused has lain in jail for months awaiting the *ex parte* hearing of this magnificent old fogy humbug of a "Grand Inquest." Often again Tom in sueing Dick gets sued by Dick, and both are sent to jail by the imperious representative of justice, when a reconcillation could have been brought about by the magistrate if he had not thereby imperiled his "costs." Who will attempt to picture the suffering of the families of the poor and unknown under this pernicious system? How many fathers are daily sent to the jails of the Commonwealth, to await a "hearing" before the Grand Jury, for some trifling charge, which should never have been made, or, if made, should have been heard and ended at once by some lawful authority? How much time is annually lost to labor through this worse than criminal delay? Will some of our friends who can see the merits, or the practical value of the Grand Jury system, enlighten us in regard to them? We confess our inability to find aught but great cause to condemn the whole system, and shall hail the day when it shall be consigned to the oblivion of the past, along with its twin relic of a by-gone age, the present law through which our Aldermen hold their tenure of a useless and crime-breeding office. Let them both go, and together, and give us a better system, one that has long been asked for, and only refused because of a dislike to part with old customs and laws.

LOCAL OPTION.

On the third Friday of March, or on whatever other day the annual municipal elections are held, the voters of every county of this State, will decide by ballot, the question whether licenses shall be hereafter granted "for the sale of spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors, or any admixture thereof." If there is a majority "against license," then the courts or boards of license commissioners are prohibited from issuing any license for the sale etc., until the decision is revoked at a subsequent election, and such elections are provided for every three years. If a county votes against license, the licenses already granted become void on the first of next April, and the Treasurer of the county is required to refund to the holder of any license the money paid therefor. Under the provision of the law for the vote to be taken on the day of the annual municipal election, Clearfield county has already decided the question, and on Tuesday next an election will be held in Beaver Falls and in New Brighton, the local election in those boroughs taking place on that day and the remainder of Beaver county in March. The vote in Clearfield was significant, when it is remembered that it is one of the strongest Democratic counties in the State, and that the Democratic members of the Legislature opposed the option law, in a body. Of the thirty-one election districts in Clearfield nine gave majorities for license and twenty-two against, the vote of the county standing, "for license" 926, "against license" 1,406—majority against 480. This is less than half the full vote of the county, it running to five thousand and over in closely contested elections.

It seems to be conceded that there will be a majority against license in nearly every county of the State. Those mentioned as doubtful are Allegheny, Philadelphia, some of the eastern mining counties, and others, as Lancaster and Berks, where there is a heavy German population in the country as well as in the towns and cities. But we would not be in the least surprised if every county in the State voted "against license," and Pennsylvania thus became the scene during the ensuing two or three years of further experiments as to the efficacy of prohibition as a remedy for the terrible evils of the liquor traffic. If the people decide against license, we suppose the penalties for selling liquor, ale, wine, or beer without license will remain in full force, although this point is contested by the opponents of the law. Of course the law will be a dead letter if there is no punishment for its violation. In the New England States, where positive prohibition has been tried, the laws for the enforcement have been of the most thorough, and, in some instances, arbitrary character. A State constabulary has been created, in distrust of the zeal of local officers, and invested with ample powers in making searches for and seizures of forbidden liquids. There will be no such machinery in this State, at the start, for the enforcement of the "local option" law, and its efficacy, we believe, will depend in a great measure on the earnestness of the friends of temperance and prohibition in fighting its battles in the courts and elsewhere. In the rural districts, where the evils of intemperance are measurably light compared with the flood of misery and crime, that it carries in its train in great cities, there will not be much difficulty in enforcing the law with the ordinary appliances. We know counties where prohibition is now almost an accomplished fact, owing to the refusal of the courts to grant licenses. But it is in cities and their suburban districts, where the evil is greatest, that there will be the utmost difficulty in enforcing prohibition, for that is what a refusal to grant licenses amounts to in theory.

While admitting that this legislation springs from an unselfish and humane desire to crush out the greatest source of human misery that affects the State and nation—the prolific parent of vice, crime, insanity and pauperism—yet we cannot but regard it as an experiment, the success of which remains to be demonstrated. It is due to the moral sentiment of the State that this experiment should be made, and we shall watch its progress with the greatest interest, if not with the hopeful view of the more enthusiastic of our temperance friends. In New England, prohibition is declared a splendid success by its advocates, and an absurd failure by its opponents. The truth probably lies in the golden mean. But our population is of a different character from that of the east, especially in our towns and cities, where we have a large foreign class, Germans particularly, who from infancy have been accustomed to the use of light wines and beer as part of their daily food. It is here will be the greatest difficulty in enforcing the law, should the anti-license proposition carry. There is a question of revenue also involved, but we regard it of secondary importance when compared with the untold evils inherent in the liquor traffic, for which prohibition is urged as a curative.

To be perfectly frank, the great danger of the adoption of the prohibition principle, as it seems to us, is to induce the advocates of temperance to trust too much to legal enactments, and to relax their efforts in the line of moral suasion. If they find the withholding of licenses is not so fruitful in good results as anticipated, they will be too apt to rush off to the Legislature for more stringent laws and more thorough police supervision. In this way they will come to regard the placing on the statute books of additional laws as a substantial triumph for their cause, without much thought as to whether these laws are supported by a public sentiment that will secure their enforcement. If every citizen who votes "against license," would actively assist in securing the arrest and punishment of those who sell liquor without license, we would have no doubt of the success of what we have styled an experiment; but we all know this will not be the case, but that nine-tenths of the voters will deem their duty discharged when they deposit their ballots, leaving the disagreeable task of enforcing the law to a very small portion of its supporters and a police that will be severely indifferent.

REMOVE THE CAPITAL.

A respected cotemporary feebly objects to the removal of the State capital to Philadelphia, and gives for its reasons, first, that it would cost "from a million to two millions of dollars" to make the change. It need not cost a cent beyond the smaller figure, and might be done for one-half of even that amount, if Philadelphia will do as she has frequently shown a willingness to do, viz: donate the land necessary. But granting that it will cost "two millions," we hold that it won't be a wise economy, and in every way a praiseworthy undertaking to remove the State capital away from its present miserable location. First, because new buildings will, ere long, become necessary if the change is not made, the present ones being old, somewhat dilapidated, and unfit both in size and pattern, and, secondly: we believe a better and more able class of Legislators can be secured, provided they are permitted to spend their time in Philadelphia—or indeed anywhere but in Harrisburg.

Another objection urged against Philadelphia as the State capital is the greater number of its "gilded palaces of sin" over those of Harrisburg. Well, if that be an argument, why not apply it in full force, and erect the Capitol building upon a high hill and surround it by an impassable wall in order that the virtue and morals of our Legislators may not be contaminated. Now we believe the removal of the capital to some beautiful spot in the environs of our chief city, will greatly add to the attendance of members by removing them further from the "gilded halls," etc., than they are at present. It is not proposed, we believe, to erect the new State House, in the densely built portions of the city, but to place it beyond and outside, and make it at once an attraction and an ornament. We cannot conceive of a rational objection to this; the old argument of a central location was exploded when the last "Conestoga wagon" took its departure for the "West," and the present era of fast lives and Pullman palaces makes it a matter of no importance whether the distance traveled be five miles or five hundred.

But all this aside, the greatest objection we find to Harrisburg is the opportunity it gives for frequent adjournments, when the members ought to remain at work, in continuous session, until their labors are completed. At present the Legislature is seldom in session more than three or four days of each week, and we have known of many instances where citizens have lost time and money by these adjournments. If the Legislature met in Philadelphia this would, for obvious reasons, be largely broken up, and the business could go on uninterruptedly. Members could then take their families with them during the session, when they would hardly think of such a thing as placing them in a Harrisburg hotel. The Philadelphia members would be at home, and almost a majority of both Houses could spend their Sabbaths in the family circle, without interrupting the six days' work, which is the time allotted for man to labor. The distant members would insist upon a short session, in order to get home to their own affairs at the end of it, and business would consequently be attended to promptly, and therefore satisfactorily. In a word, we can find an abundance of good reasons for removing the capital to Philadelphia, and hope it will be done at an early day, as both Legislators and people wanting legislation will be largely benefited thereby.

JUDGE AGNEW'S DECISION.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the appellant, W. J. Kountz, against Fisher Bros., for a reversal of the decision of the District Court of this county in one of the cases growing out of the "Bull Oil Ring of 1869," has been announced, and, as might be supposed, creates some talk in this community, where the parties and the facts out of which the suit grew are well known. To be brief, we will just state, that in June, 1869, W. J. Kountz sold 2,000 barrels of crude oil to Kirkpatrick & Lyons at thirteen and one-half cents per gallon. The latter firm subsequently transferred this contract to Fisher Brothers, who held it at maturity. Before it matured Kirkpatrick & Lyons entered into a combination with others for the purpose of fictitiously raising the price of oil to a figure above the price Kountz had sold to them at, and the latter on discovering this fact refused to deliver the oil or settle the difference at the price ruling on the day of maturity, viz., eighteen cents or thereabouts. Suit was brought to recover on this and other similar contracts, and judgment was rendered against Kountz in the District Court. This decision has been reversed by the Supreme Court and another trial ordered.

The point that we wish to bring before our readers at this time is the prominent one in this case, while there are several others of great interest to this community. It was held by Judge Agnew that in arriving at the value of an article, the jury could and must look outside of the market price. We have always been taught heretofore that the price of a thing was just what it would sell for, but in this, it appears from this decision, we were altogether wrong. There may be times and circumstances similar to those of the night of December 31, 1869, where "unlawful combinations," powerful through personal influence and unlimited moneyed resources—can exercise such temporary control over the markets of a commodity, that a value utterly fictitious may be temporarily maintained. Such a period was the one when Fisk and Gould run the price of gold up on an unsuspecting public. Another may be found in Jay Gould's late attempt to "Bull" the market on Erie railroad stock; indeed the past ten years are prolific in just such attempts to "corner" the markets of the country, and even staid old Pittsburgh—so wedded to honest ways—began to think the trick a respectable one, provided money could be made through it for the parties holding all the bowers, trumps and aces.

But Judge Agnew thinks differently, and uses such terms as "unlawful and fraudulent practices," "fictitious," "false" and "swollen prices," "fraudulent purposes of the combination;" and refuses to lend his "sanction and encouragement to gambling operators and capitalists," because they "would destroy men's chances in legitimate business." Nor will he permit the measures of damages to be made upon the figure of the fictitious price established by the "combination," although it appears to be the market value of the article, or what it will bring. The price must be "*a bona fide* one," and in order to ascertain what this is, reference must be made to the price *after* maturity of the contract as well as *before* that time. In this case the plaintiffs proved that oil would sell to the "Ring" at eighteen cents per gallon on the night of the 31st of December, 1869, but unfortunately for them, it was worth but little more than half that sum on the day after the contract fell due, and it was therefore the duty, under such circumstances, for the jury to fix the market price, and the measure of damages—a privilege which was denied them under the rulings of the lower court. The latter held to our old idea, that what a thing would sell for—no matter under what circumstances, nor to whom—that was its price, morally, legally and every other way. But Judge Agnew dissents, and holds that such a course would place legitimate dealers wholly at the mercy of gamblers, and, basing his decision on common sense, he declines to permit them to fictitiously make the market price, and empowers the jury to find what the actual value of a thing is to the legitimate trade, regardless of the offers of members of an "unlawful combination."

The Judge is severe, but we believe he is right, and that his decision will greatly tend to prevent attempts in the future to "corner oil," at least in this latitude.

The force of the decision is applicable quite as much to efforts to "Bear" a market as to "Bull" it, as the jury is authorized to inquire what the *actual market value* is, outside of all extraneous influences. A combination might be organized to put prices *down* on "settlement day" quite as readily as one could be formed to put them *up*, and with the same intent, viz.: enforcing the settlement of unfulfilled contracts at figures to suit the "shorts." The markets might be so tampered with by the "Bears" that all purchasers would be frightened off, and consequently the ruling rate could be influenced. Hereafter, under this decision, it will be the privilege of juries to look over the whole ground and find what the legitimate price is, or ought to be, before adjusting the amount of damages for non-fulfilled contracts of any kind. In a word, stock and merchandise gambling—hitherto thought to be honest and respectable—has been dealt a staggering blow by the highest judicial authority in the State, and the people can well afford to congratulate themselves that an end has been put to it. Legitimate trade and merchandising can henceforth pursue the even tenor of their ways with no fear of "Corners," thrusts from irate "Bulls," or hugs from angry "Bears."

STATE NEWS.

THE production of the Fifteenth (Fagundas) District for December averaged 1,077 barrels from 295 wells.

A NEW three hundred barrel flowing well was struck at Grease City, Saturday. It is owned by Captain Grace.

LAST week the Pennsylvania Railroad Company paid to their 2,000 workmen in Altoona the large sum of $165,000 wages for one month.

THERE is something in a name, as a Mr. Hunter, of Tionesta, had sixteen dead deer and one bear ready to be skinned, lying around his house a few days ago.

THERE were originally but three counties in Pennsylvania, viz., Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks. Clarion county was formed from a part of Venango and Armstrong counties March, 11, 1839.

THE wells on the Sedgwick farm, Petrolia, are not averaging more than six barrels. A new well on this farm, owned by John Galey, is doing fifty barrels, but several are not doing more than four.

ON last Thursday morning Miss Nancy McLure, of Sharon, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, died, aged 94 years. Mrs. McLure was a granddaughter of the Hon. John Hart, of New Jersey, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

A TENEMENT house in St. Mary's, Elk county, was burned on Sunday evening last, and three little children, the oldest but five years old, perished in the conflagration. The mother had left the little ones alone, and gone out to some of her neighbors.

JOHN W. HOLE, of Garland, Warren county, has wintered thirty hens last winter, and during the past year has sold $62.75 worth of eggs, besides setting hens on 210 and using what they wanted in the family. His breed is the white Bramah.

THE Titusville *Courier* says: On the McClearly Farm, near Petrolia, three two hundred and fifty barrel tanks are filled with oil, and a five hundred barrel tank is building. The operators are determined to store their oil, and wait for better prices.

THE voters of Armstrong county will vote for or against the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in all election districts, except Kittanning Borough, on Friday, the 28th of February next. This includes Parker's Landing and Lawrenceburg.

A YOUNG man named Charles Crocker, of Centreville, Butler county, lost his life at the Petrolia City fire, on Sunday evening, in trying to prevent a derrick from falling on a house, the derrick falling upon him and crushing him. A second fire, near the centre of the town, burned a six hundred barrel tank belonging to the Gibson well, and a well rig of Parson Brothers.

THOMAS FADEN, aged about twenty years, met with a serious accident on his father's farm, near Fredonia, last Saturday about noon. He was engaged in felling a tree, which lodged on a sapling. Faden then went to work to cut the sapling down, and striking it a vigorous blow, when it fell, one across the young man's breast, crushing it so fearfully that death ensued in about an hour.

TUESDAY'S Oil City *Derrick* says the Parker accommodation coming north on Monday night killed a man named Bacon. The pilot struck him and hurled him on the track. He was struck a piece of railroad iron. He was picked up as soon as possible and taken to Foxburg, where he died in about forty minutes. Deceased was a sewing machine agent from Lawrenceburg, aged about 35.

THE Oil City *Evening Telegraph* of yesterday says that on Saturday afternoon, John Duress, an employe on the Allegheny Valley railroad, was run over by a hand car near the mouth of Robert's run and seriously hurt. He was standing in the car, the wheels of which passed over a switch, and in attempting to aid Duress, in looking over the front part of the hand car to see what had happened, lost his balance and fell upon the track. The wheels passed over his thighs.

THE youth Avery, whose ineipient forgeries were lately nipped in the bud, was tried on a couple of indictments, Friday afternoon last at Meadville, on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, he was his own lawyer, such having been his former occupation. Being unsuccessful in this, he threw up the sponge, and let somebody else conduct the second case in which he was again convicted. On Saturday he was sentenced for both crimes, jointly, and given four years and ten months of penal servitude in the State's Prison to work out.

ON Wednesday of last week, Mr. Wm. Messner, of Warren, was up near Mr. Holt's some four miles below Corydon, he tying his oxen get out timber. He cut his axe from a small tree to use when he was at leisure in shooting partridges and other game. When the last team was coming he stopped in a hurry for his gun, jerked it out and it went off, lodging the whole charge and wadding in the fleshy part of his right hip with a downward direction. The muscles of the hip are all torn to pieces, but the bone is not injured. He was doing well at last advices.

THE Titusville *Herald* says: Last Saturday a most singular accident occurred on a farm in Chautauqua Lake, owned by one Stevens, a former conductor on the Oil Creek road. A workman was felling a tree just as a man named Lane was driving by in his cutter with his wife and three children. As the tree commenced to topple the horse became frightened and stopped. Lane got out to urge him on, and saw the tree would fall towards him. He tried to pull his wife and children out of the cutter, but without avail, and the tree fell on them. The woman and two children were instantly killed, and the other child died shortly afterward.

MONDAY'S Titusville *Herald* says: Saturday afternoon last, Andrew Firth, son of a widow living on the plank road, was coasting with some companions near Mr. R. H. Lee's refinery; one of the boys fell from his sled on the road just as Mr. J. H. Brandon came along. Firth tried to avoid running over him Mr. Broad ran against and knocked down the boy Firth. The boy was on his feet directly, and on his inquiry if he was hurt made no reply, but walked on. Drs. Moody and Barr were afterward called to see him; when it was found that his skull had been crushed, and part of the brain protruded, which was immediately replaced. The wound is a very dangerous one, and may probably prove fatal.

ON Thursday morning last, as Mr. Isaac Gress, of Pleasant Unity, was crossing the railroad at Chambers' crossing, west of Latrobe, in a sleigh, the hind part of the sleigh was struck by the bumper of the engine of the mail train east; a view of the approaching train being obstructed by a gravel train switched off on the siding. The horse and sleigh escaped, but Mr. Gress was pitched a distance of about fifteen feet and fatally injured. The train backed, and he was taken to the station at Latrobe, from whence he was removed to the residence of his brother. All that human aid could do was done to alleviate his sufferings, but he expired about half past one o'clock. He leaves a wife and three children, and a large circle of friends, who will mourn his untimely end.

ON Wednesday evening last, a sad and fatal accident occurred to the family of Thomas Carr, who resides on the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad, near Morton's Station, by which Mrs. Carr and her three children were burned to death. Mrs. Carr had been very busy all day ironing clothes and had neglected to fill a lamp that she intended to use with oil. The oil, called combination fluid, and said to be non-explosive, was in a small can. Mrs. Carr filled the lamp, but before doing so as a matter of precaution, removed a lighted lamp to the opposite side of a table from where she was standing, and was in the act of sitting the can upon the table, when it exploded as quick as gunpowder, caused no doubt by the gas from the can communicating with the lighted lamp. Three of her children were in the room at the time close to the table, and upon them and the mother the burning oil was scattered, setting their clothes on fire. Some of the neighbors heard the cries of distress and on hastening to the house found the room on fire. Mrs. Carr in the last agonies of death and the children burnt in a horrible manner. They extinguished the fire and did all they could to relieve the sufferers, but two of the children died soon after the accident, and the third lingered until towards midnight when death relieved it from its horrible suffering.

FIFTY-FIVE old Catholic priests are now declared apostates from the Church of Rome; forty-two of them are in Germany and Austria.

HARRISBURG.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR MERITS.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 14, 1873.

REPEAL OF THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

Already there is considerable talk here of the repeal of the local option law of last session to be consummated before the time fixed for the Spring elections. It is said a quarter of a million of dollars can and will be raised for that purpose. With such a motive power as this, and the fact that the Democrats, with very few exceptions, are committed against this sort of legislation, it would not be surprising if repeal was effected, or the law amended in some manner as will destroy its purpose. At best, it is a loosely and clumsily drawn statute, and it will not be difficult to inject into its body some sly modification that will make it still more inconsistent.

If the temperance people are in earnest in their demand for this law, and sincere in their hope that it will mitigate the ends of intemperance, it is time that they were at work to save their darling from the spoiler. The liquor interest in this State is an immense one, and runs through the whole social and business range from the palace to the hovel—from the manufacturer with millions of capital to the illicit still hid in some mountain nook or abandoned coal mine. It is not at all extravagant to suppose that a quarter, or even half a million of dollars could be raised to rid the statute books of a measure that conflicts with its prosperity and life, as the local option law undoubtedly does. Think of the five thousand licensed drinking places in Philadelphia, and the fifteen hundred in Allegheny county—of the immense wholesale business that is carried on in the various liquids, stomach bitters included, that will come under the sweeping prohibition of the local option law—of the distillery interest—of the costly breweries in every county of the State, and it is very easy to see where the money will come from, if such an argument will influence legislative action. Besides all that, the liquor interest of the State is now pretty thoroughly organized. It can be reached, and its influence, adherents and money contributions consolidated for action in compact and effective shape in very brief time.

The temperance people *par excellence*, and the supporters of the option law generally, should know what struggle they have to confront this immense liquor interest. It will not do for them to scoff it as the disreputable "whisky ring," and all that for it embodies wealth, respectability and social and business position as well as much that is the reverse of this. The supporters of the law have undoubtedly a majority of the people with them in their experiment, and will have until the law is demonstrated effective in all that is claimed for it, or a mere dead letter on the statute book; in either case I think there will be a falling off. But can they rely on the Legislature? That's the important question just now, or the experiment in prohibition will not be made in Pennsylvania this year.

INAUGURATION OF GOV. HARTRANFT.

The Senate and House have each appointed a Committee of seven to make arrangements for the inauguration of Governor elect Hartranft. The ceremony will take place, should the weather prove favorable, on the portico of the Capitol building, but otherwise, in the House of Representatives. The Senate Committee consists of Messrs. Davis, of Philadelphia, Rutan, White, Strang, Waddell, Petrikin and Playford. The House Committee of Messrs. Kaufman, of Lebanon, Smith, of Philadelphia, Nyce, Wainwright, Tittlemary, Noyes and Smith, of Fayette. At a meeting of the joint Committee this afternoon, Senator Davis was elected Chairman. The various military organizations of the State, who can do so, were invited to attend. General Frevost was designated to command the military, and will have his staff and quarters at the Jones House, where communications should be sent from military organizations desiring to take part. General Jordan will be Marshal of the citizens and firemen's part of the procession. The Committee expects a large attendance, should the weather next week be at all favorable. A number of sub-committees were appointed to arrange all the details of the inauguration ceremonies.

HARRISBURG, January 15, 1873.

THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

The subject has been disposed of at last by fixing the salary at ten thousand dollars per annum. This was the figure named in the bill as originally introduced in the House, but it was cut down to nine thousand—a very small tub to the economical whale. The Senate this morning reinserted ten thousand dollars, and passed the bill by ayes 18, nays 12. Messrs. Warfel and Lemon, Republicans, voted against the ten thousand, M'Clure, Reform, and Randall and Nagle, Democrats, for it. Otherwise the Republicans voted for the bill and the Democrats against. In the House, on the question of concurrence, the yeas were 53 and nays 42, the vote being a party vote, with the exception that Messrs. De Lacy, Josephs, King and Noyes, Democrats, voted for the bill, and Messrs. Bailey, Brunges, Burns, Kaine, Myer, Morford, Mylin, Nyce, Ramsey, Schminkey, Shuer and Wilcox, Republicans, voted against.

On this question of salaries, it may be said, that fixed for the Governor by this bill, is not a high one, when compared with the salaries of the sums realized by county officers in some of the more populous counties. Thus, Mr. McClure has introduced in the Senate, as a *"reform"* measure, a bill establishing the salaries of county officers in Philadelphia, in which that of the Sheriff is fixed at $20,000 per annum, the District Attorney $15,000, City Treasurer $16,000, Recorder of Deeds $10,000; and so on, down through eight, seven, and six thousand, the last modest figure for the City Solicitor. This bill, however, abolishes all fees, and if passed will razee the profits of some of the Philadelphia officials fifty and seventy-five per cent.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

In the Senate this morning Speaker Anderson announced the Standing Committees for the session of 1873. Senator McClure, it will be observed, is set off among the Democrats, and helps to make up their quota on the committees to which he is appointed. The first Committee, on Constitutional Reform, has been superseded in its functions by the Constitutional Convention. The committees are as follows; they are given in full for the convenience of those who have business before the Legislature:

Constitutional Reform — Messrs. Strang, White, Graham, Cutler, Delamater, Davis (Berks), McClure, Wallace and Dill.

Congressional Apportionment—Messrs. Rutan, Graham, Fitch, White, Strang, Wallace, Davis (Berks), Dill and Playford.

Federal Relations—Messrs, Waddell, Heilman, Rutan, Albright and Nagle.

Finance—Messrs. Graham, Rutan, Strang, Wallace and McClure.

Judiciary General—Messrs. White, Waddell, Fitch, Davis (Berks) and Wallace.

Judiciary Local—Messrs. Fitch, Cutler, Delamater, Petrikin and Albright.

Municipal Corporations—Messrs. Cutler, M'Kinley, Fitch, Petrikin and Playford.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113¼@113⅜.

WE are indebted to Mr. Ballantine for a copy of his supplement to the Allegheny county fee bill, which, contrary to general belief, does not meddle with the amount of fees or salaries of county officers, but merely equalizes the duties and times of payment, as we understand it. If this is all that is intended by the bill, there can be no objection to its passage that we can see.

OUR READERS are referred to the letter of our special correspondent at the Philadelphia Convention, which appears on the second page this morning. We are obliged to crowd the news which comes to us through our special telegraphic reporters into every portion of the paper, as the quantity we are receiving fills much more than the space usually allotted to news by telegraph. The GAZETTE is publishing the largest amount of special telegraphic news, and the fullest reports from Washington, Harrisburg and Philadelphia, of any paper in the State. We ask a comparison with any of our cotemporaries, and it will be found that the claim we make is borne out by the facts. It is the intention of its proprietors to spare no pains or expense to give the largest amount of information and at the earliest moment.

FROM Governor Osborn's message we learn that the vote of Kansas at the last election was 101,483, or "larger than the vote of either of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, West Virginia, California or Minnesota—larger than the vote of any New England State except Massachusetts, and larger than the combined vote of Nebraska, Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island and Oregon." The State debt less the sinking fund is about $1,405,000, and the total valuation is $127,000,000. The total value of her school houses in 1862 was $10,432, and in 1872 at was $2,845,252. The population is about 600,000, an increase of over a half million in the last ten years. In 1862 not a mile of railroad was in operation, now they have over 2,000 miles completed and in running order. A State Capitol, State University, Agricultural College and Penitentiary have been erected in that time, and the school districts number 3,418 and the scholars 165,000. The message is exceedingly interesting, as showing the enormous strides the young State has made since she emerged from her bloody thraldom of pro-slavery, border ruffian rule. She has yet another good work to do, and that is to recall her disgraced Senator home. There is too much honesty and nobility about this last offspring of freedom, snatched from the ruthless hands of our lost barbarism, to permit of a representation that is not true and upright, fearless and honorable.

CONSOLIDATION.

The resolutions adopted unanimously by both branches of the City Council of Allegheny, unconditionally opposing consolidation with Pittsburgh, will doubtless put an end to the question at present. We are quite sure this decided expression of the representatives of the people of our sister city accords with the wishes of more than a majority of the citizens of Allegheny, and ought to have its proper effect in all and every quarter. After it we very much doubt if a member can be found who will undertake to introduce a consolidation bill into the Legislature, and we are quite sure no such bill can pass and receive the Governor's signature so long as this expression of the will of the citizens of Allegheny shall remain unimpeached by an equally responsible body with the Councilmen. So we think the question is most effectually set at rest for all time, or at least until such time as our neighbors shall show a wish to sink their municipality out of sight and place their individual and corporate interests under the title of Pittsburgh. The action of the Councils was timely and proper, as we very much believe that through a contrary report of the wishes of the people on the subject of consolidation, a bill would have been presented in the Legislature at the present session, and the result would have been doubtful, to say the least. Now, as before stated, and owing to this action of Allegheny Councils, we do not look for any attempt at consolidation, and in case we are wrong in this belief, we are almost sure no such bill could become a law. The question is settled and may be dismissed from our minds, for the present, at least.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

The Samana purchase turns out to be of far more importance than at first reported. It seems the company have purchased the right from President Baez for one hundred years at $50,000 a year, to levy and collect custom duties, build railroads and telegraphs to any part of the island, obtaining therefor munificent grants of land from the public domain, and to do many things which can only be done by a sovereign nation. The very flag of the Republic has been purchased to be used as the company may see proper for their own interests, and in fact a warrantee deed has been secured for a century for about all the privileges and immunities held or enjoyed by the President. This is a new way of fillibustering, and doubtless will prove highly remunerative and satisfactory in the end to both contracting parties. The Dominican Republic was about on its last legs; having given unmistakable evidence of its impossibility to longer maintain a solvent existence, and something had to be done to rescue this magnificent tropical garden from desertion and decay. What the Company intend to do cannot longer remain doubtful. An American colony will at once be planted on the island; harbors will be opened to the trade and commerce of the world; our own packet ships will be induced to make a landing on each trip; communication will thus be opened up; trade will be invited, and the beautiful island will doubtless be made to blossom and bloom and thrive as it has never done in this century before.

What will follow this is not much harder to guess; Congress will be asked for protection; already a proposition is said to have been made to permit the products of the *quasi* American colony to come through our ports free of duty, and ultimately this rich territory will be to all intents and purposes, if not in name, a part of the great farm of Uncle Samuel. Thus will the darling project of annexation be accomplished; the island will in the meantime have been divested of its aboriginal peculiarities of population and customs, and the progressive Yankee will faithfully exemplify the stern realities of a practical manifest destiny by holding full title and exercising complete sway over ancient Santo Domingo. Thus will this colony, like that of Texas, become a part and parcel of the great Republic, and Cuba will not long remain behind.

THE INAUGURATION.

Yesterday, at noon, with ceremonies as imposing as snow and temperature would permit, Gen. J. F. Hartranft was inducted into the Gubernatorial office. Circumstances growing out of the political canvass contributed to the interest in the occasion, and gave unusual *eclat* to the inauguration. It has passed into a truism, that he who has bitter foes, will likewise have ardent friends. The Democratic press, from the hour of Governor Hartranft's nomination, pursued him with such excess bitterness, that thousands would otherwise have felt only passing interest in his welfare, became his ardent partisans. This feeling of personal interest, thus inspired, impelled many to attend the inauguration, and give influence and interest to the occasion. Had the weather been favorable, the display would have been particularly fine.

The new Governor enters upon his official career under the most favorable auspices. If his administration shall not prove to be the best we have had for very many years, it will not be from lack of sympathy or of surrounding advantages. His salary has been increased to a very respectable figure. The Constitutional Convention will probably remove the pardoning power to a Court of Pardons, thus saving the Governor the vexatious appeals, petitions, and at times almost compulsory political influences, which have been brought to bear on Governor Geary so freely of late. Special legislation will also be stopped, we judge, for which, if done, the Governor may be duly thankful. Few persons are aware of the terrible pressure often brought to bear on a Governor to sign obnoxious bills. The work of the lobby is not considered ended till the Governor's signature is secured. Members and Senators, and interested parties generally, crowd and press to the same end. Governor Geary is to be commended, generally, for his care and discrimination in this particular; but at best it is a great tax on the Governor's time and patience to read and familiarize himself with such a mass of special legislation as we have had of late years. From all this we are confident Governor Hartranft will, after the present winter, be happily relieved. So in several other particulars that do not require special mention.

He enters upon his term of office, also, at a time when the almost illimitable resources of the Commonwealth are in active process of development. There never was a time, it may be safely said, when so much energy, capital and skill were being employed, in opening up the vast mineral wealth of the State. The peculiar condition of Europe, as regards iron and coal supplies, the immense expansion of home trade, the wonderfully increased and constantly increasing demands for just such productions as the State is capable of furnishing, give promise of such prosperity in the near future, as this Commonwealth never before enjoyed. It will merely require ordinary prudence on the part of the Constitutional Convention and Legislature to bring Pennsylvania forward to be the very first in point of prosperity among the States. Here is Governor Hartranft's great opportunity. Relieved from the burden of the pardoning power, and from the flood of special legislation, he has only to study the problem so plainly presented, in order that he may guide the Legislature by his counsels, in so framing laws as that development and prosperity will be hastened, and not impeded, to make his administration one of the best we have ever had. Governor Geary, considering the impediments in his way, has done well. We are persuaded that Governor Hartranft, elected by such a handsome majority, and entering office amid so much acclaim, will also achieve for himself a reputation as brilliant in civil life, as he had before secured, by dash and skill, in his military career. Success to his administration.

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The change from the Legislature and its surroundings to the atmosphere of the Constitutional Convention is decidedly refreshing. In one place it is mostly jobbery, trickery, and politics, while in the other these are tabooed by the very nature of the duties of the delegates. Possibly some of the members of the Convention keep an eye to the windward, in their action on questions affecting future promotion in the service of the State, but they are compelled to cover their tracks with a great deal of skill; and hence the action of the Convention has not been, and I do not believe will be, affected to any appreciable extent by considerations of this character.

The Philadelphians have done themselves credit in the neatness, convenience, and good taste with which they have fitted up the old fashioned church for the Convention. It is admirably arranged in all respects save a very important one, and this could not be cured. The acoustic properties of the hall are miserable. A speaker addressing the chair from the center of the room cannot be heard by those in the rear. Those who desire to impress their brother delegates by argument must pitch their oratorical notes in about the same key as exhortations were formerly launched at the impenitent from the pulpit, where President Meredith sits cool as an iceberg, passive and decisive in forcing the despatch of business and the maintenance of good order. Complaint is also made that Philadelphia is not as good a place for work as Harrisburg; that needed books of reference, and information from the departments cannot be obtained with the same facility as at the State Capitol. The question of adjournments over from Friday until Monday, or virtually until Tuesday, is also a great embarrassment to business. Those who conveniently reside east of the mountains want to go to their homes every week, thus cutting off two working days. The western members are averse to this, and insist on pushing the work of the Convention so that there may be a final adjournment in April or May. So far there has been a majority against these adjournments; but the demand for them has created some feeling.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

One good result certainly has by the lapse of time. The delegates who persist in pouring in propositions, that they may identify their names with particular amendments or hobbies, are about pumped dry. There is a perceptible falling off in the supply of these proposed amendments, and in a few days more the offering of them will be likely to create ridicule. How many have been proposed no one has counted, but the number will run between five hundred and a thousand, covering the whole range from the grand to the absurd. Some of them will be monuments of stupidity for their authors for all time.

The leading Committees of the Convention, who have the half dozen subjects under considerations, in which the interest of the people centers, are at work daily, before the Convention meets, and after it adjourns, maturing amendments they will recommend. The discussions in Committee are very earnest, and in some of them the most radical differences exist. The Judiciary Committee is one of the latter sort, and lively times are expected when its reports get before the one hundred and three lawyers of the Convention, every one of whom has a judicial plan of his own, based on an experience ranging from a country justice to the Supreme Court at Washington.

So far there have been but two reports made from standing committees, recommending changes in the Constitution. One of these by the Committee on Suffrage, changing the time of holding the fall election from the second Tuesday of October until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, has been adopted by the Convention by a very large majority. Another section providing for a uniform day for holding elections in the spring for township, borough and municipal officers, has created a great deal of debate. The ins, here in Philpdelphia, object to this change, and want to continue their municipal elections on the same day as the State election. They propose to exempt cities of over 100,000 population from the uniform day established for the rest of the State, hoping thereby to secure the support of the Allegheny delegates. The Committee recommended as the day for the spring elections the third Friday of March, but the Convention substituted the third Friday of February. In this shape it will probably pass.

The Committee on Legislature has made an important report, which I give below. It is expected that within the next ten days the greater part of the committee work will be presented to the Convention, when the debates will commence in earnest, on subjects of great interest to the people. How long they will last no one ventures to predict. There is an army of talkers here. If they get through by the fourth of July the achievement will be something to boast of.

SEPARATE PROPOSITIONS TO BE SUBMITTED.

The Convention, while asserting its sovereignty and independence of the legislative act abridging its powers in some respects, will probably accept the provision requiring any amendment to the Constitution adopted by the Convention to be submitted to a separate vote of the people on the demand of one-third of the delegates. It is the general opinion, I find, of the members, that the following propositions, at least, and possibly others, will be submitted to a separate vote:

1. Prohibiting the Legislature from granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

2. Minority representation, or the cumulative vote.

3. The right of women to vote.

It will be a surprise to most people to learn that the latter proposition has developed a great deal of strength in the Convention, and that it is highly probable it will go to the voters for ratification or rejection. It is even believed that the women of the State will be invited to vote upon it, so that their sentiments may be learned. The proposition is that there be separate ballot boxes for the two sexes, and if the amendment is endorsed by a majority of both, it will become part of the Constitution. There is a good deal to be said in favor of this plan of settling the question of woman's suffrage, it certainly would not be right to force the ballot on the women if they do not desire it.

The temperance people hope by prohibiting the Legislature from passing a license law to relieve the State from all moral responsibility for the liquor traffic.

In regard to the cumulative vote, it is believed the Suffrage Committee will report in its favor, but it is not so strong in Convention as in committee, and a separate vote by the people on its application to all offices to which more than one person is chosen is likely to be ordered. Mr. Buckalew, the champion of the principle, wants to apply it to everything, and in his enthusiasm, I think, would be willing to create a dual executive sheriff, or recorder, in order to give the minority a chance. There are two classes of sanguine individuals in the Convention, one of which believes an anti-license section will bring about a moral millenium, and the other that the cumulative vote will secure a political millenium.

PROBABLE CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

On a great many of the amendments proposed there is a substantial agreemant on principle among the members, although there may be differences as to form.

In the executive departments it is likely the term of the Governor will be extended to four years and the one term principle adopted; that his power to grant pardons will materially abridged; that the office of Lieutenant Governor will be created; and the Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth will be made elective by the people. It is also proposed to create a new department in the industrial interests of the State, whose particular province it will be to collect statistics as to the mineral resources of the State and their development.

On the judicial system, the committee will probably report in favor of intermediate courts between the Common Pleas and the Supreme Court, but its passage in the Convention is deemed doubtful. The contest will be between the supporters of intermediate courts and those who favor an increase in the number of Supreme Judges with provision cutting off appeals in cases involving a trifling sum. The Registers' Courts will be abolished, and a Probate Court substituted. A proposition for a Common Pleas Judge in every county of the State with 40,000 population, has a great deal of strength. The delegates display a laudable anxiety to get their counties constituted a judicial district. The idea of vesting the power of appointing judges by the Governor will not carry much to the chagrin of Judge Woodward, its strongest advocate. The vote in the Judiciary Committee on the question, I understand, stood seven for an elective judiciary to five for one appointed by the Governor.

Special legislation will go by the board, and the most efficient guards established as to the mode of passing laws. A section will probably be adopted that no bill shall be considered by either branch of the Legislature until it is printed, reported on by a committee, and all amendments adopted printed; that it shall be read at length on three different days, and only passed on a call of the yeas and nays, and by the votes of a majority of all the members elected; that where other subjects than those expressed in the title are contained in the bill, it shall be absolutely void,—and that no law shall be revived, repealed or amended by reference merely to its title. All this, accompanied by a declaration that these forms shall be necessary to the validity of any law, should certainly secure legislative reform.

There will be radical changes in the way of reform in the municipal government of cities, the assessment and collection of taxes, and the powers of corporations.

The qualifications of electors will be changed so as to require two months' residence in an election district prior to voting, and that no person shall vote on naturalization papers unless issued two months prior to the election. The payment of taxes will not be made a condition of voting, but an efficient registry system will be authorized to take its place.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, Chairman of the Committee on Legislature, a few days since presented the annexed report on the manner of constituting the Legislature. It has not yet appeared in any of the enterprising Philadelphia papers, although the most important document yet submitted to the Convention. I hardly think the recommendation for biennial sessions will carry, and deem it probable the number of Senators and Representatives will be increased over that specified. The report is as follows:

First. The Legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Second. An election for members of the General Assembly shall be held on the first day fixed for the general election succeeding the adoption of this Constitution, and every two years thereafter. Their term of office shall begin on the first day of January succeeding their election. When vacancies occur in either house, the Governor shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies for the balance of the term in which such vacancy occurred.

Third. Senators shall be elected for the term of four years; *Provided* that those who shall be elected at the first election after the adoption of this Constitution shall be divided by lot into two classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of two years, and of the second class at the expiration of four years.

Fourth. Representatives shall be elected for the term of two years.

Fifth. The General Assembly shall meet at 12 o'clock, noon, on the first Tuesday of January succeeding the adoption of this Constitution, and every two years thereafter unless sooner convened by the Governor in special session.

Sixth. No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years, and have been a citizen and inhabitant of the State four years next before his election, and the last year thereof an inhabitant of the district for which he shall be chosen, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this State; and no person shall hold said office after he shall have removed from said district.

Seventh. No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained the age of twenty-one years and have been a citizen and inhabitant of the State three years next preceding his election and the last year thereof an inhabitant of the district and for which he shall be chosen representative, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this State; and no person shall hold said office after he shall have removed from said district.

Eighth. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this Commonwealth, which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which shall have been increased during such time, and no member of Congress or other person holding any office (except of attorney-at law and in the militia) under the United States or this Commonwealth, shall be a member of either House during his continuance in Congress or in office.

Ninth. No person who has been or hereafter shall be convicted of bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, or who has been or may be a collector or holder of public moneys who shall not have accounted for and paid over according to law all such moneys due from him, shall be eligible to the General Assembly or to any office of trust or profit in this State.

Tenth. Every member of the General Assembly, before he enters upon his official duties, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, and will faithfully discharge the duties of Senator (or Representative) according to the best of my ability; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not paid or contributed anything or made any promise in the nature of a bribe to corrupt or influence, directly or indirectly, any vote at the election at which I was chosen to fill the said office; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not accepted or received, and that I will not accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, for any vote or influence I may give or withhold on any bill, resolution or appropriation, or for any other official act.

Eleventh. The foregoing oath shall be administered by one of the judges of the Supreme Court, in the hall of the House to which the member is elected, and the Secretary of State shall read and file the oath subscribed by such member; any member who shall refuse to take said oath shall forfeit his office, and every member who shall be convicted of having sworn falsely to or of having violated his said oath shall forfeit his office, and be disqualified thereafter from holding any office of profit or trust in this State.

Twelfth. Each member of the General Assembly shall receive for such period of two years the sum of twelve hundred dollars and mileage at the rate of ten cents for every mile traveled, in going from their place of residence to their place of meeting and returning therefrom. And no other allowance or perquisite whatever, either for expenses or services, whether as member of any committee or other duty as member of said General Assembly. *Provided*, That if the Governor shall convene the General Assembly in special sessions, each member shall receive ten dollars for each day of said session with the same mileage as is hereinbefore provided for the regular session.

Thirteenth. Every person who shall be elected or appointed to any office by the Legislature shall discharge the duties of such office in person and not by proxy.

Fourteenth. The Lieutenant Governor shall preside over the Senate, and in case of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor the Senate shall elect one of its members as Speaker. The House of Representatives shall elect one of its members as Speaker. Each House shall choose its other officers and shall judge of the election and qualifications of its members.

Fifteenth. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may be authorized by law to compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed.

Sixteenth. Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds expel a member, but not a second time for the same cause, and shall have all other powers necessary for the Legislature of a free State.

Seventeenth. The doors of each House and of Committees of the Whole shall be open unless when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.

Eighteenth. Neither House shall without the consent of the other adjourn for more than three days nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Nineteenth. The members of the General Assembly shall in all cases except treason, felony, violation of the oath hereinbefore prescribed, and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the sessions of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same. And for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

Twentieth. The General Assembly shall apportion the State every ten years, beginning at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, by dividing the population of the State, as ascertained by the last preceding Federal census by the number one hundred and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives. Every county shall be entitled to one Representative, unless its population is three-fifths of the ratio. Every county having a population not less than the ratio and three-fifths shall be entitled to two Representatives, and for each additional number of inhabitants equal to the ratio, one Representative. Counties containing less than three-fifths of the ratio, shall be formed into single districts of compact and contiguous territory, bounded by county lines, and contain as nearly as possible an equal number of inhabitants.

Mr. Niles, from the same committee, made a minority report this morning, which was ordered printed. It is signed by Messrs. Niles, D. N. White and Horton. It objects mainly to the biennial sessions on which the Legislature is limited by the report submitted by Mr. MacVeagh.

ARCTIC.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20, 1873.

BUSINESS OF AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

The following communication from the Auditor General was read:

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, HARRISBURG, Jan. 18, 1873.—*To the Hon. Wm. M. Meredith, President Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania*—SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the resolution adopted by the Constitutional Convention on the 14th of January, instant, requesting the Auditor General to furnish information on the following subjects:

First—The amount of capital stock of all the railroads and canal companies organized or doing business in this State; also, the amount of indebtedness of said companies.

The answer to this branch of your inquiry I respectfully submit, and forward herewith a copy of the Auditor's General's report on railroads, canals and telegraphs, made to the Legislature under date of February 15, 1872. The information desired, and more which may be of interest to the Convention, will be found on pages XV. to LXXVII., inclusive, under the head of "Tabulated Results, Compiled Reports of Companies." These statements were compiled from the sworn reports of the companies for the year 1871, and show their condition at the close of said year. Any report that is not necessarily by partial and incomplete, as up to the present time not more than one-third of the companies have reported.

Second—The amount of capital stock of all the corporations organized and doing business in this State, other than railroad and canal companies, also the indebtedness of said companies."

There are on the books of this department a large number of corporations subject to taxation. With railroad and canal companies accounts must be settled annually for tax on capital stock and tax on interest paid; semi-annually for tax on gross receipts, and quarterly for tax on tonnage; and with other companies annually for the taxes on capital stock, on net earnings or income, and on interest paid. All of these accounts are kept separately and settlements made separately.

The most important branch of the business of the Department is performed principally by a single person, who has familiarized himself with the tax laws and the business of settling accounts. The tax years of the several accounts end variously with the first day of November, the first Monday in November and the thirty-first day of December, and the reports of the companies are now coming in rapidly. It will therefore be seen that this is the busiest season of the year in the settlement of these accounts. There is no record in this Department from which the information desired can be readily transcribed, and it would require a patient examination of the separate returns of corporations filed with the tax settlements. This examination must necessarily be made by the person in charge of these settlements, and would, we apprehend, require several months of intelligent labor at this season of the year, especially, causing serious interruption of the business of the Department. Aside from this, it would hardly be possible to give a complete answer to this inquiry until all of those reports have been received. I enclose herewith advance sheets of my annual report on finances, which will give the name of every corporation which paid tax to the State during the year ending November 30, 1872, the amount of such tax, and the account or accounts upon it was paid. If this will not answer the purposes of the Convention I shall endeavor to answer your interrogatory more fully at the earliest day practicable.

Third—The valuation for taxation of the real and personal property in the several counties of the commonwealth."

By virtue of an act approved February 23, 1866, real estate was exempted from taxation for State purposes. Since that time no reports have been made to this Department showing the valuation of real estate in the several counties of the Commonwealth. The necessity of such reports has ceased to exist.

Enclosed please find a copy of the valuation of personal property of the several counties as fixed by the Board of Revenue Commissioners on the 22d day of March, 1872.

I have the honor to remain,
Very respectfully, yours, &c.,
HARRISON ALLEN, Auditor-General.

MECHANICS' LIENS.

By Mr. Howard: That the Committee on Legislation are required to examine and report upon the propriety of prohibiting liens of mechanics and material men in all cases except for work and labor and material used and employed in the construction of new buildings.

NON-COMBATANTS INELIGIBLE TO OFFICE.

By Mr. Baer: Whereas the Christian Church is a divine institution, and her priests and ministers are ordained and set apart for the care of souls; and

Whereas, the duties of political and military offices are inconsistent with the high and holy duties of the ministry;

Therefore, all priests and ministers of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, are exempt from military duty both in time of war and time of peace, and they are ineligible to hold a seat in the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, or a military commission in this State.

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

By Mr. Horton: A resolution that Washington's Farewell Address be read to the Convention on the 22d of February. Agreed to.

PRINTING AND BINDING.

By Mr. Newlin: A resolution giving the contract for printing and binding the proceedings of the Convention to B. Singerly, State printer, to be published in volumes, of octavo size, at the same price as are paid for similar works by the State of Pennsylvania. A contract in accordance with the report was read, and on motion approved.

ELECTION DAYS.

The second section of the article reported by the Committee on Suffrage, providing that all ward, city, county and borough elections be held on the second Tuesday in February, was taken up.

Mr. Broomall sameadments that the Legislature shall have power to change the day, provided that it be made uniform in any such county or city, was considered.

Messrs. Simpson, Andrews and Biddle advocated the amendment, and it was opposed by Messrs. Campbell, Wetherill, Cuyler and Temple.

The discussion was continued at length by Messrs. Dallas and Wm. H. Smith in favor of the report of the committee.

Ex-Governor Curtin moved to postpone the subject for the present. Not agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved to postpone for one week.

The amendment inserting three months was not agreed to.

Adjourned.

THE unprofitableness of stowing gold away in an old stocking has been illustrated out West. An old man has just sold to a bank $4,000 in the precious metal which he had stored away before the rebellion. If it had been sold when the premium was high and the proceeds put at interest, it would have amounted to $20,000 now.

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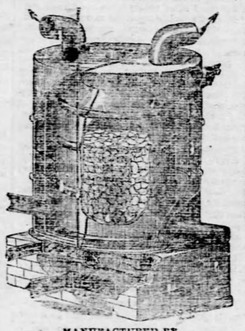
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THE POULTRY SHOW.

A Peep at the Exhibition—What May be Seen There—A Fine Display of the Kings and Queens of the Barn Yard.

Shakespeare mentions "murder most foul." Has he ever been to an American poultry show? But that is not egg-spected to be answered now. Crow-nology may be studied with much advantage at the City Hall, though dog-matically considering the subject, we are not on that lay. Hen-pecked husbands could study duck-ish ways to much advantage at this. A genuine hen convention, and would need no eagle-eye to perceive the hawk over the dove-cot. The mulish might go there and learn a lesson from the cock. The banianas are there in full force. For variety and quality undoubtedly this is the best exhibition of poultry given for some time in this or any other State in the Union. Below may be found a list of the principal exhibitors and what they show. Messrs. Dodge and Kelly of Ravenna, Ohio, several coops of Partridge Cochins, very fine, a trio of white Cochins from John Brigger Strattes, Scotland. They have also several other varieties of Cochins, including buff and white. Polands they exhibited largely, and extraordinary fine birds they are. They also show some rare black games and silver gray and white dorkings. H. Cryer and Co. of Salem, Ohio, show a large collection and of some twenty varieties and breeds, mostly game: A number of premiums were awarded him.

A. A. Miller, of Oakdale Station, this county, exhibits three trios of dark Brahmans, and three trios of partridge Cochins, all of first class quality; he has also some Aylesbury ducks and some bronze turkey ducks on exhibition.

Joseph Balnford shows some twenty varieties of choice fowls. His collection mostly drew first and all the special premiums. Charles Espich, Cncinnati, shows a cage of the tiniest birds from Africa, Asia and Brazil, a very rare collection. He also has a fine lot of Canaries, a hawk and a pair of small tortoise shell parrots on exhibition. A cage of black eared rabbits attract considerable attention. G. W. Evans, Reserve township, this county, shows a mammoth Cochin pullet. Geo. A. Deitz, Chambersburg, Pa., a turkey, fifty lbs; pair of bantams, nine ounces—smallest on exhibition. He also shows between sixty and seventy coops of some thirty varieties; three pairs of African and two pair of Hong Kong geese; seventeen pair of ducks of various varieties; three pair of miniature black African chickens and several pair of rare white faced Spanish.

Samuel Cameron, Pittsburgh, shows many varieties of game birds, of rare breeds and very fine. Among them may be mentioned a fine pair of golden duckwings, pair of blue bottomed stays and two coops of Hoson mixed.

C. B. Eibin, the Secretary of the Society, exhibits the finest coops of Dominiques ever shown in this State, also a pair of Aylsbury ducks. There are several fine dogs and pups also on exhibition, including a handsome small black and tan, a fine skye terrier, and several English bull terriers.

The exhibition will last until next Wednesday, when it will close, and all the birds on exhibition sold at auction. The hall was crowded all day yesterday, and from all appearances it will prove an immense success.

COAL LANDS.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

CLINTON, January 13, 1873.

The peace and quietude of old Findley township have been greatly disturbed for some time back, by some Pittsburgh and eastern men buying up large bodies of coal land south of Clinton. This company have bought about two thousand acres of coal land all in one body. Since this operation there has been another party or company operating on the north side of Clinton, and extending south to the land of the other company; this company I understand wants to buy one thousand acres, thus making a body of three thousand acres of coal land. Well you may be at a loss to know—and a good many of our citizens have been in the same fix—why are these companies buying such an immense body of coal away out here where there is no market, no transportation by river or railroad. Well, I will attempt to give you some idea of the immense improvement that is about to be undertaken through one vast coal field in the western part of Pennsylvania. You will be surprised when I tell you that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company propose to build a branch road from Oak Dale, on the Pan Handle, to Smith's Ferry, by way of Clinton, Frankfort Springs and Hookstown, to connect with the Cleveland road. Well, is there a practical route, and will it pay? As to the inquiry, nature has been so good enough to give us a good and easy grades. It was surveyed some two years ago by Mr. Reino, a practical engineer, and pronounced to be of very easy grade, no tunnels and very few heavy cuts. His estimate of the grading was about five thousand dollars to the mile; as to its paying, I will say it cannot but pay well. Well, let us see what can be done on this short cut from Oak Dale, you may say to Cleveland. In the first place, this road will pass through one of the best agricultural and mineral sections of Pennsylvania; the soil from one end of the route to the other is unsurpassed for raising grain or grass by any other place in Western Pennsylvania, and as to mineral, there is one continuous coal field nearly from one end to the other of the proposed route. This immense field of coal will be shipped on this road to Cleveland and other points in the west, besides what will be shipped down the river to Cincinnatti and other cities below. The coal now shipped by way of Pittsburgh from the Pan Handle and Chartiers Road west, will be shipped over this short cut and thus relieve the Pan Handle and Fort Wayne of the heavy pressure that is now on those two roads. This road will carry the coal to the river at George Town, and being below nearly all of the bad places on the river, it can be sent below nearly two-thirds of the year. Mr. Brown, your heavy coal dealer, has lost coal and barges enough above the locks and above Smith's Ferry to build this road himself; besides he can buy coal land here and ship it in safety for about one-fourth the money he has to pay, and also all of the obstructions in the Ohio. Meetings have been held all along the route. A committee has presented a petition to the Board of Directors of the P. R. R., asking them to build the road, in the name of a branch, along the route. The Board have considered the matter, and I am informed, have agreed to build the road provided the people subscribe one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the P. R. R. Company will issue first mortgage bonds sufficient to finish and equip the road, which bonds shall be the first mortgage on the road, and the people's stock shall be second mortgage bonds. There will be no trouble raising the money. The people are moving in earnest. G. B.

LOCAL OPTION.

At Beaver Falls and New Brighton.

On Tuesday the citizens of the borough of New Brighton voted on the question of granting licence to liquor sellers under the provisions of the Local Option bill. It will be seen by the vote that the licence was voted down by a large majority. The following is the vote in the different wards:

North ward—Against license		120
" " For license		34
Middle ward—Against license		116
" " For license		20
South ward—Against license		115
" " For license		16
Total vote cast		401
Against license		331
For license		79
Majority against		261

On the same day the borough of Beaver Falls voted on the question, with the following result:

Against licence	273
For licence	157
Majority against	116

The Dollar Savings Bank.

Our readers will not fail to notice the elaborate exhibit of the operations of the first and best of our savings institutions, printed elsewhere in this paper. This is the thirty-fifth semi-annual report, made much fuller and more comprehensive than its predecessors. Its tabular expose of interesting details will prove a useful study for the philanthropist or man of business.

The aggregate assets have in 17 years grown from nothing to $3,773,149.29.

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The Dollar Savings Bank owes its paternity to its venerable Treasurer, Mr. Charles Colton. It has gathered, safely kept and wisely utilized the savings of thousands of men, women and children, exciting many to habits of frugality and thrift. It has also extended loans to very many on such easy terms as involved no special embarrassments, and in various ways has been the instrument of multiform benefits and blessings to the community.

Under the management of an able Board of Trustees, with Mr. James Herdman as President, its founder, Mr. Charles Colton, as Treasurer, and Mr. J. B. D. Meeds, Assistant Treasurer, the Dollar Savings Bank is very sure to continue more and more prosperous, and more and more useful.

Meeting of Coal Miners.

Yesterday morning the Coal Miners' Convention, consisting of delegates from about thirty coal works in this county, assembled at Staley's Hall, on Fifth avenue. The object of the meeting was to urge the passage of a law regulating screens, and for the better protection of miners in regard to ventilation. An organization was effected by electing George Archibald President, Thomas Boyle Secretary, and Edward O'Donnell Treasurer. After organizing the meeting adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon, when the discussion of the object of the meeting was commenced. The debate proved very lively, and was participated in by nearly all the delegates. A draft of the "Miners' Protective Law" was presented, and a committee was appointed to visit Harrisburg and urge the passage of the bill during the present Legislature.

The Culture of the Hair.

Just as surely as a soil infected with Canadian thistles can be made to produce fine crops of golden grain, the scalp now sparsely covered with harsh, dry, unmanagable hair, can be made prolific of silken tresses. All that is necessary to effect the change in either case is the *right kind of fertilizer.* Leaving the agricultural chemists to determine how the green land shall be made fruitful, we positively assert that Lyon's Kathairon is unequaled as a *fertilizer and beautifier of the hair.* Twenty-five years of success is the basis of this unqualified statement. During that time it has been used by many millions of both sexes, and the first instance in which it has failed to fulfill the expectations of a rational purchaser has yet to be discovered. It will not cause hair to grow on a varnished gourd; but wherever the roots of the hirsute fibers remain undisturbed it will cause them to put forth new shoots, and in all cases where the hair has become thin it will increase its volume.

The Great Organ—The Burdett—Not So-Stops.

The Burdett Organ is the only one that contains no *sham* stops; every stop having a distinctive variety of tone. Purchasers are no deceived by an array of *sham* stops which other makers purposely get up to mislead unsuspecting customers, and to obtain higher prices than the instruments are really worth. For instance the celebrated *Celeste Stop* is in the Burdett organ, composed of a separate and distinct set of reeds, producing a delightful tone, while in most other organs there is no separate set of reeds, and the effect is but a muddy conglomeration of sound. If you desire an organ the most complete in tone and durability, and returning you dollar for dollar in musical excellence, get the Burdett, which can be obtained only at H. Kleber & Bro.'s warerooms, No. 122 Wood street. These first-class Burdetts are offered as low as the ordinary slop shop organ which has to be peddled around the country in order to find customers.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Terrible Accident at Zug's Mill.—A Man Crushed Under Two Tons of Iron.

Yesterday morning Mr. Andrew Spealman, a member of the well known firm of Spealman & Miser, met with a most terrible accident at Zug's rolling mill, corner of Etna and Thirteenth streets, which caused his death in a few hours. About half-past seven o'clock, deceased was engaged in taking a cistern, which was made for a cistern for holding water for cooling iron. The excavation was about eight feet deep, and the work of laying the bricks for the cistern walls had been commenced. Near the cistern pits were timbers, and on the top of this were placed the ends of two sticks of timber, about fifteen inches square. These sticks crossed the cistern hole close to one edge of it, and their other ends rested on the "made ground" beyond the hole. These two sticks formed a frame which supported a pair of huge iron shears weighing two tons. This heavy mass of iron stood close to the edge the cistern at the side next the cistern. It is supposed that the frost partially coming out of the ground at the other side of the cistern, loosened the earth to some extent, and made it an insecure support for such a heavy weight, though it had seemed perfectly solid.

At the time mentioned Mr. Spealman and Mr. Miser were engaged in laying brick in the cistern, on opposite sides. Mr. Miser first noticed signs of the lumber settling down and called to his companion to get out of the way. Mr. Spealman looked up, and made an unsuccessful escape the falling mass, and the edge of the iron frame in passing over him, cut his left arm completely off, near the shoulder. He was crushed to the earth, but the heavy mass merely struck him in passing, and he could not have entirely got out of the pit. Mr. Miser gave the alarm, and the workmen soon removed the injured man to the office of the mill. Drs. Hamilton and Todd were summoned and a messenger was sent to Spealman's residence. The physicians, and the wife and children of the injured man soon arrived. Examination showed that, in addition to the loss of his arm, his back was broken, and it is probable that he had received severe internal injuries. Eight men from the mill were detailed and conveyed him on a stretcher to his home, where he died shortly afterwards.

Mr. Spealman was fifty-nine years of age, was a man of the most estimable character, and all who knew him will greatly regret this calamity.

Drowned.

Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, a boy named George Beck, seven years of age, was drowned in the Allegheny river. He and a companion were running after some mice on the edge of the river in the Eighth ward, Allegheny, when he fell into the water and almost immediately sank. Search was made for the body, but it could not be found. The boy's parents live at the corner of Union and Sawmill alleys, Allegheny.

Messrs. C. Coleman & Son, of the Duquesne Wagon Works, Marion avenue, Allegheny, are daily turning out work which they will guarantee equal to the best, and yet sold at from 15 to 25 per cent. cheaper than in the East. Their stock includes Farm, Southern and Platform Spring Wagons, and as a specialty, the Combined Patent Self-Oiling Iron Axle Thimble Skein Wagon, surpassing all others in durability, lightness of draught and cheapness also, all descriptions of Wagons, Carts, Wheelbarrows, etc. This is one of the oldest establishments of the character in Western Pennsylvania and enoys a reputation second to none. S

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McKEESPORT.

Religious Services—Obstructing Streets—Disagreeable Arguments —A Series of Burglaries.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

McKEESPORT, PA., January 18, 1873.

RELIGIOUS.

Last week was observed by all the Protestant churches as a week of prayer, service having been held in all every night, the attendance being good and considerable interest felt throughout. In the Methodist Episcopal church they are having a revival.

OBSTRUCTING STREETS.

The practice of blockading our street crossings by the locomotives and trains of the Pittsburgh, Washington and Baltimore Railroad, has been a great annoyance to the business men and others in our borough. Complaints and remonstrances concerning it to the officials of the road effected no good, the practice became from bad to worse, until it became an intolerable nuisance, and at last "forbearance ceased to be a virtue," and Mr. Lewis-Mathews, a member of the Street Committee of Council made information before Esquire Berry, charging two of the engineers with obstructing the streets. They were arrested, and after a hearing fined twenty-five dollars and cost each.

A DISAGREEABLE ARGUMENT.

Last Saturday night several men were loafing in a certain restaurant in this place, when the conversation turned on the merits of laborers and mechanics of the east and west. The argument was carried on between an old man and a beardless young blood who could not curb his temper in consequence of the telling remarks of his venerable opponent. Instead of yielding gracefully when he was vanquished, he pulled his revolver out of his pocket and threatened to shoot the old man then and there. Some of the bystanders interfered and the would-be assassin was taken away by his brother. I understand that the end of this little episode is not yet.

BURGLARIES.

One of the most daring burglaries which has ever been committed in this town, was perpetrated here last night. The grocery, dry goods and notion store of Mr. Lewis Heuey is situated on the corner of Market and Fifth streets. Some time after twelve o'clock some thief or thieves cut, with a diamond, a large pane of glass from the middle of the window, and entered through the aperture thus made. Once inside they made for the money drawer, which they emptied of all its contents, which consisted of about thirty dollars in bank bills, scrip and about eight dollars in silver. They next paid their attention to a show case, on the counter from which they took several articles of jewelry. They also took some cigars and tobacco and other articles, worth in the aggregate about sixty dollars. On the same night the First Presbyterian Church was entered by prying open a window in the rear of the building back of the pulpit. Fortunately the rascals got nothing here for their trouble.

The liquor store of Wm. Wigand was visited by the same parties it is presumed, or at least by others of the same kind; but after wrenching the window shutter off they were frightened off by seeing a light lit in the house opposite by Mr. Stewart Smith, the occupant, who was disturbed by the noise made by the burglars, and got up to see what was going on. There is a fatality clue to the parties, and probably in a few days I may be able to let you know who they are and that they are in custody. PHIL.

The Home of Jefferson in Litigation.

The former home of Thomas Jefferson, located at Monticello, in Virginia, is at present in litigation before the Supreme Court of Virginia. It is well known that Mr. Jefferson expended a large fortune in lavish hospitality and died poor. His estate was afterward purchased by Commodore Levy, of the navy. Commodore Levy devised the estate at his death to the United States, as trustee, for the purpose of establishing an agricultural farm on which to educate to agricultural pursuits children of the warrant officers of the navy, whose fathers were dead. In aid of this scheme he also devised $350,000 worth of property in New York. In the event of the United States not accepting the trust, he provided that the State of Virginia should act as the trustee for the purpose named. And in the event of the State of Virginia not accepting the trust, he devised the property to the Portuguese Hebrew congregations of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, for the benefit of the children of those societies whose fathers were dead. His legal heirs brought suit in New York to set aside these provisions of the will. The court in New York declared the charity too indefinite, and that the United States could not take the property as trustee. Virginia, not being a party to the suit, instituted a suit for its recovery as secondary trustee. The case is at present being exhaustively argued in the Supreme Court of Virginia, now in session at Richmond.

Jewish Longevity.

There are very many curious facts related with regard to the Jewish race; many, no doubt, are true, and some certainly have no other foundation than fancy. Professor Stowe, in his remarkably interesting course of lectures on the subject, delivered some years ago in this city, gave as careful a summary of the truth with regard to this peculiar people as has ever been made, and a statistician in London has recently published some quite remarkable statements about their physical condition, based upon carefully collected records. From these it appears that Jewish blood contains little or no scrofula. The average life of the Jew in London is forty-nine years, while to the Christian it is only thirty-seven years. Of a given number of Christians, only one quarter will, as a general rule, live to be sixty years, while among Jews about one-third lived to be at least seventy-one. Among children, fourteen per cent. of the Christian population die between one year and five years of age, while ten per cent. of the Jewish children. Finally, in Prussia it requires fifty-one years for the Christian population to double itself, and only forty-one years for the Jewish. If we are not mistaken, Professor Stowe declared that the Jews had remained of about the same total number ever since they became historic. This proof of their greater average longevity and greater relative increase would seem to furnish material for a contradiction.—*Hartford Courant.*

FINANCE AND TRADE.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1873.

CATTLE.

The arrivals up to this time have been fair, and with a full attendance of buyers and an active demand the market is strong, and prices, as compared with this day week, are up from ¼ to ¾ of a cent per lb. On Monday and Tuesday the demand was mainly for shipment to New York; to-day a full delegation put in an appearance from Philadelphia, and as there is a good demand for shipment to both of these points, the indications are that trade will be lively during the balance of the week, and we should not be surprised if a still further advance was established. The eastern markets are all reported better; stock that was bought here last week is said to have proved very remunerative, and the consequence is, buyers have more backbone, and are buying everything that offers, at, as we have already stated, an advance of from ¼ to ¾c per lb, and even at the increased price, the supply, especially of good stock, is scarcely adequate to the demand. There are a number of country buyers in attendance from the eastern part of the State, and fair to medium cattle have improved in consequence, as these are the kind they generally buy. Following is a partial report of sales yesterday and to-day.

No.	Ave Weight.	Price.
19	1,004	5 25
38	1,140	5 85
20	1,017	5 12
17	1,015	5 25
32	1,230	6 00
18	1,200	6 25
54	1,150	5 75
18	1,100	5 80
38	1,010	5 12
4 oxen	1,482	6 25
15	1,300	6 30
6	1,060	3 00
20	1,200	5 80
19	1,030	5 25
39	1,080	5 50
17	1,140	5 50
100	1,475	7 12
39	1,070	5 75
17	1,070	5 60
17	1,230	6 12
9	924	4 00
6 bulls	1,470	4 00
21	1,006	3 62
12	1,093	4 50
18	1,230	5 90
17	1,090	5 25
17	840	3 50

Following may be regarded as the ruling quotations:

Prime, 1,400@1,500, steers	7 00@7 25
Prime, 1,300@1,400 lbs. steers	6 25@6 75
Good, 1,000@1,100 steers	5 50@5 75
Prime 900@1,000 lbs	5 00@5 50
Bulls, as per quality	3 50@5 00
Old cows, and rough stags	2 50@3 00

SHEEP.

The arrivals up to this writing are reported as having been fair, fully up to the average of the past three or four months, with a continued good demand, the market is strong and prices are higher. There is a brisk inquiry for shipment to both Philadelphia and New York, and everything is picked up about as fast as it is put on sale, and that, too, at full prices; sellers have certainly had no reason to complain for two or three weeks past, as there has been a steady demand all the while, and that, too, at stiff prices; while, as a matter of course, the future of the market is uncertain, yet the indications at the writing are that prices will not recede much, if any, before shearing time, as the worst of the winter is over, and producers, from this out, will hold until after securing the wool, unless, as we have already intimated, they can realize very full prices. We now quote as follows:

Prime fine wool, 90@100 lbs	6 50@6 75
Prime fine wool, 85@90 lbs	6 00@6 25
Prime fine wool, 75@80 lbs	5 00@5 50
Prime open wool, 100@120 lbs	6 25@7 00
Prime open wool, 80@90 lbs	5 25@5 75

The following sales were reported, nearly all which were made yesterday and to-day:

168 Ohio fine wool, 93 lbs, 6¾c.
79 Indiana, open wool, 85 lbs, 5¾.
829 Indiana, common, 75 lbs, 4 20.
179 Indiana, medium, 89 lbs, 5 75.
84 Ohio, medium, 85 lbs, 5 87.
92 Ohio, prime fine wool, 95 lbs, 6 60.
193 Indiana, fair, 84 lbs, 5 60.
112 Indiana, extra, 154 lbs, 8c.
144 Indiana, prime, 112 lbs, 7c.
150 Ohio, open wool, 112 lbs, 7c.
150 Ohio, fine wool, 104 lbs, 6 75.
160 Ohio, open wool, 105 lbs, 6 90.
196 Ohio, open wool 96 lbs, 6 50.

The sales of four mammoth droves were sold by Hazlewood & Blackstock for Enslen Newton, a well known stock grower of Mahoning Co., Ohio.

We understand that another sheep buyer has located here, which will make it all the better for sellers.

HOGS.

Trade continues fairly active, and while Yorkers, as compared with the close of last week, are a shade lower, there has been no material change in Philadelphia. The

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, January 20, 1873.

There is but little new to note in regard to the financial transactions in this city to-day. A hard fight is going on between the money lenders and the inevitable course of events to keep up the rates of interest; but from all present appearances, the inevitable is going to succeed, and instead of money going up higher, there is every indication that the rates of interest before the advent of summer will see a much lower point than they reached nine months ago. The *Financial Chronicle* asks the pertinent question, —Why is money growing easy at this city would enable that inquirer to answer this question for himself. The rolling mills, glass houses and other manufactories that are full or busy or running on half time would clearly demonstrate a solution of the question. —Why is money growing easy ?" In a word, contraction is what is bringing about an easy financial condition at the present time.

The following stocks were sold last evening by A. E. Sweeney, at his stock sales-rooms, 106 Smithfield street :

Bank of Pittsburgh	70
Exchange National Bank	71
M. and M. National Bank	70 75
Citizens National Bank	71 00
Allegheny National Bank	69 50
Peoples National Bank	120 50
Second National Bank	129 00
Duquesne Bank	92 00
Commercial Banking Co	82 50
Artisans Deposit Bank	25 00
Western Savings Bank	51 00
Eureka Insurance Co	45 00
Cash Insurance	55 00
Dalzell Oil Co	50

The Chicago *Tribune*, commenting editorially on Senator Sherman's bill for the resumption of specie payment, says that many of the most prominent merchants and bankers favor the plan which was objected to by Mr. Thurman, and presented by the Finance Committee through Mr. Sherman, its Chairman. The same paper says:

Mr. Henry Clews does not think that United States notes would be presented for redemption in quantities that would embarrass the Government. He conceives that the currency is so distributed, and so much needed by the commercial interests of the country, that only speculative combinations could make any serious rush; and he believes that such combinations would meet with public odium that would speedily crush them. The objections of Mr. Duncan, of the firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., are not tenable. The rush on the Treasury for gold which he apprehends would not produce any embarrassment, for the reason that the Government retains the privilege of redeeming with interest-paying bonds in case its gold may run short. Nor is it possible to see how the proposed system of redemption can "give the Europeans an opportunity to draw off the gold of this country," as Mr. Duncan says. The Europeans have no greenbacks which they want to redeem, and whatever we buy in Europe must now be paid in gold. Resumption, then, rather increases the confidence of the whole world in the ability of the United States to redeem its current notes, and further should be to elevate the general financial condition of the country. Gold will regulate itself according to the various degrees of the need that is felt for it in different parts of the world,—controlled, of course, by the status of credit and the exigencies of commerce. It is evident that the proposed plan of resumption has found favorable response among the leading commercial and financial men of the country.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* says: One unpleasant fact is daily more apparent, and that is, the steadily increasing currency of national bank notes from the interior to the large seaboard cities. The increase is much complained of at New York, where the notes have become a drug and are quoted at a discount. In this city no great inconvenience has as yet been experienced from this cause, but the fact that the notes are plenty no doubt contributes to the greater ease of the money market, making discounts more liberal. It is greatly to be desired that the banks shall be held rigidly to the required reserve, and national bank notes be kept at par with greenbacks. So soon as the two paper currencies become of different values, requiring brokers' offices for their exchange, the chief convenience of the present irredeemable currency is lost. The most popular feature of the present currency is that National bank notes and greenbacks have ever been alike of the same value all over the country. Every effort should be made to maintain this desirable feature, and under no circumstances should the National bank notes be permitted to fall into discredit. We continue to quote money on call, from day to day, at 6 to 7 per cent. Good commercial three to four months' paper, with collaterals, is scarce, and finds very ready sale at 9 to 10 per cent—the former the prevailing rate in all cases where the paper is strictly first-class. Three to four months' paper on Government collaterals is quoted at 7½ to 8 per cent. Paper less favorably known is difficult of negotiation. The banks are full of applications, and are discounting liberally.

Geo. B. Hill & Co., banker and brokers, No. 56 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from their latest advices by telegraph:

	Tuesday.
Gold	113½
U. S. 5-20s—1st	113½
" —coupons	113¾
5-20—1862	114
5-20—1864	114¼
" 1865	116½
" 1865 new	115¾
" 1867	115¾
" 1868—coupons	115¾
10-40s	112⅝
10-40s—coupons	113¼
Currency 6s	119½
New 5 per cents	113½
RAILWAYS.	
New York Central	104⅛
Erie	63½
Iron Mountain	96¾
R. H. & E.	28½
C. C. & I. C.	93½
Canton	57¾
St. Paul	39½
Do. preferred	73½
Michigan Southern	86⅜
Do Central	89¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	102
Rock Island	100
North Western, Common	80
Do. preferred	88½
Pacific Mail	71¾
Atlantic Mail	12
Western Union Telegraph	83¾
Ohio & Mississippi	40¾
Union Pacific	26½
Toledo & Wabash	42¾
Fort Wayne	96½
Adams Express	97
United States Express	70½
Harlem	120½

Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., brokers and bankers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penna. Central	85¾
Reading R. R.	103⅝
United Co's New Jersey	120¾
Oil Creek & Alley's R. R.	55
Lehigh Valley R. R.	59½
Philadelphia & Erie	27¾
Lehigh Navigation	58¾
Pittsburgh City 6's	102
A. V. R. R. 7 30's	91
Central Transportation	47

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, January 21, 1873.

APPLES—The market is still reported quiet, and prices are unchanged, ranging from $2 to $2.50 per bbl, as to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—Is quoted with sales at 50 to 55c per gallon for fair to good, and 55 to 60 for choice.

BEANS—Small sales at $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel of 2,307, or 144 pounds, against 233 same time last week. The disasters last week by freshets on the Mohawk and Hudson rivers cutting off communication with the East, detaining stock on the road, thereby causing great loss to owners and overstocking the eastern markets this week, has stagnated trade here. Buyers are holding ⅜c off from last week's closing rates. There is not sufficient trade to make a quotable market. Dealers bring at the ore pile, to-day, superior quality, which, with the surplus held over from last week, makes quite a large supply in the yards. Owners are not disposed to submit to a decline. Sales of 25 Ohio steers, 1,142 lbs, at $4.15; 30 Ohio heifers and bulls, 1,068 lbs, at $4.75; 19 Indiana steers, 1,142 lbs, at $5.25; 17 Indiana cows and heifers, 1,026 lbs, at $4; 200 Indiana stockers, 935 lbs, at $4.25; 17 Illinois steers, 1,186 lbs, at $5.25. Anchor Line to Cant. Wilkinson, Blake has fell through. Capt. Blake instead purchasing the whole of the Julia from the Anchor Line company for the sum of $20,000. She was built at Louisville, in August, 1853, at a cost of $20,000 and is 238 feet long, 41 feet beam, and 7 feet hold.

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RIVER NEWS.

The river was rising last evening with nine feet six inches in the channel. The weather was again turned soft, and the indications at this writing are favorable for further freshet, but as the ice is pretty well cleared out, if there should be one it will not cause so much destruction of property as the last one. The Allegheny is still putting out considerable ice, but it is becoming thinner and more scattered. There was some rain late in the afternoon, but the wind seemed to be shifting around to the west again.

The Monongahela river packets have all resumed their regular trips. After the completion of the Pittsburgh & Charleston Railroad, packet steamboating on the Monongahela will be very apt to subside.

Following additional departures of coal were reported yesterday: Alice Brown, 180,000 bushels; Blue Lodge, 90,000; Grand Lake, 110,000; Sam Lyale, 90,000; total 450,000 bushels. Others will go as soon as they can get their tows ready. We are in hopes that those going now will not experience as rough a time of it as those that went out on the last tow.

Thermometer at 5 P. M., 40; wind, south-west.

A dispatch from Cincinnati yesterday stated that the Juniata goes to Aurora to load with hay for Pittsburgh.

The Granite State was to have left for Portsmouth last evening.

The transportation contract on the Upper Missouri has not been awarded.

—We clip the following items from the St. Louis Republican of Sunday: Accidents by ice moving out of the gorge in addition to what we have already reported is the sinking of the barge Glendale No. 2 in tow of the Comet, with 600 tons of ore on board destined for the Mingo Iron Company. The barge is a total loss and uninsured. The cargo is fully insured and will be saved when the water falls. Lewis, Bailey & Dalzell's barge lying at the ore pile, is also a total loss, which, with the surplus held over from last week, makes quite a large supply in the yards. Owners are not disposed to submit to a decline. Sales of 25 Ohio steers, 1,142 lbs, at $4.15; 30 Ohio heifers and bulls, 1,068 lbs, at $4.75; 19 Indiana steers, 1,142 lbs, at $5.25; 17 Indiana cows and heifers, 1,026 lbs, at $4; 200 Indiana stockers, 935 lbs, at $4.25; 17 Illinois steers, 1,186 lbs, at $5.25. Anchor Line to Capt. Wilkinson, Blake has fell through. Capt. Blake instead purchasing the whole of the Julia from the Anchor Line company for the sum of $20,000. She was built at Louisville, in August, 1853, at a cost of $20,000 and is 238 feet long, 41 feet beam, and 7 feet hold.

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WEEKLY GAZETTE.

PARKER'S LANDING.

The Business Portion of the Town Destroyed.

THE FIRE SWEEPING BOTH SIDES OF MAIN STREET.

Rapid Work of the Flames.

THE PROMINENT BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Estimated Loss Nearly $100,000.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PARKERS LANDING, PA., January 19, 1872.

Our little town was the scene of a disastrous conflagration this afternoon, that has almost wiped it out of existence. The fire commenced about a quarter to four o'clock, the first intimation being given by smoke issuing from the billiard room over the Opera House Restaurant on Main street. When it was discovered the flames had made considerable headway, and though an alarm was quickly spread through the town and the people gathered in force, it was found impossible to check the flames, and they swept with great rapidity northward, as far as the residence of Mr. S. D. Karns, and southward to Frost's dry goods store, clearing everything before them on either side of the street, and bringing to ashes the best portion of the business part of the town. The buildings being generally of frame, and as dry as powder, burned with great intensity, making it almost impossible to come within working distance. Every effort at first was made to check the progress of the fire with the limited fire apparatus owned by the town, finding all their efforts in this direction fruitless, the people turned their attention to other methods and tore down one or two buildings in the path of the flames which alone saved the town from total destruction.

As it is however, the best part of Parker's is gone. Among the chief buildings destroyed were the Opera House, with restaurant and billiard rooms attached, Barthold's boot store, Graff's hardware store, the Union house, the Greeley house, Odd Fellows Hall, *Daily Transcript* building, Exchange hotel, McManus house, Dollar store, Frederics' drug store, Lehman's shoe store, Mr. Wallace's residence; the latter had been partially torn down, which stopped the flames in that direction The flames spread with such rapidity that but few of the goods in the buildings could be saved, and the destruction in most cases was complete. The greatest confusion prevailed during the time the fire progressed, but so far as could be ascertained at this hour, no lives were lost.

The total pecuniary loss is estimated at from $75,000 to $100, 000, some of which is insured, but the greatest amount of which is a total loss to the merchants and property owners. There is so much confusion here to-night that it is impossible to ascertain with any degree of accuracy the details of the losses and insurance. All the families who have been thrown out have been cared for by those who escaped from the flames. The blow is a severe one just now to Parker's, but there is no evidence of discouragement among any of the sufferers, all seeming to accept the situation with the best possible grace. S.

Additional Particulars.

The following additional particulars we glean from reports, in regard to the Parker fire. One hundred families are rendered homeless by this calamity, who now ask for assistance. The new town is almost entirely swept away.

The bridge across the river was saved. In addition to the buildings destroyed, mentioned yesterday. The store of Dr. Twenty five other buildings on the hill side were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, though its origin is still unknown. It is said that there was but one hand engine in the town, and if it was in existence the vast destruction might have been avoided. There were no lives lost. The greatest confusion prevailed at the breaking out of the fire, and it is said that no one immediately pursued after the fire commenced to spread, the people blocking the streets in trying to save their household goods and themselves from the fell destruction.

A COLLEGE RANSACKED.

A Little Sensation at Washington, Pa.

WASHINGTON, January 17, 1872.

Considerable excitement was created here today by the action of the Trustees of Washington and Jefferson College, who took possession of the Academy for the time and searched it through. The cause of their action is the old trouble about the Colleges. The people generally were very much excited and for a time it was feared that there would be an open rupture, but calmer counsels prevailed, and peace was preserved. There has been nothing like it for a long time that has created such an excitement. P.

PETROLIA CITY, PA.

A Large Oil Strike—Well Flowing Over One Hundred and Fifty Barrels a Day.

PETROLIA, PA., January 20, 1873.

The well owned by C. D. Lewis and others, of Pittsburgh, struck the third sand rock on Saturday evening. The oil was thrown over the derrick, and the well is now flowing one hundred and fifty barrels per day. G. B.

A Roll of Honor.

The Washington Pa., *Reporter* speaking of the college in that town says:

The Convention to revise the Constitution of Pennsylvania, consists of one hundred and thirty-three gentlemen, elected from all parts of the Keystone State. The fourteen of this number selected from Jefferson and Washington Colleges constitute *more than the tenth* of that august body. Seven of these graduated at Jefferson as follows: H. N. M'Allster in 1833; J. McDowell Sharpe in 1845; Thomas H. Dickey in 1852; Thomas M. Bay and Augustus S. Landis in 1863; Samuel C. T. Dodd in 1857; and Thomas H. B. Patterson in 1834. The following graduated at Washington: John H. Walker in 1822; John M'Cullough, M. D., in 1826; Samuel A. Russell in 1834; David W. Patterson in 1839; and Wm. M'Lean in 1851; and Samuel A. Purviance (one of the seven surviving members of Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1837), and George W. Lawrence were students there for some considerable time.

Ulysses Mercur, Jefferson, 1842, was chosen a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Cyrus L. Pershing—Jefferson, 1848—a President Judge, and James Jefferson Scarlett—Jefferson, 1841—and Edwin H. Stowe—Washington, 1845—were each unanimously re-elected to a like position. Wm. S. Moore—Washington, 1847—takes his seat in the National Congress, and James G. Blaine, of the same class, is returned for a fifth term to the same House, over which he so ably presides. Ebenezer M'Junkin—Jefferson, 1841—returns to Congress from a second term. Leonidas Sexton, a graduate of Jefferson in 1847, is elected Lieutenat Governor of Indiana.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Man Crushed to Death Under the Wheels.

Coroner West held an inquest last evening on the body of Joseph Parker, a coal wagon driver, in the employ of Mr. J. S. Lytle, at Hazlewood (Twenty-third ward). It appears that the deceased had, in going down a little hill just before crossing the railroad track, put on the brake so as to avoid any accident. After he had crossed the track, he attempted to get off his saddle horse, in order to shoe the wheel. While in the act, he slipped and fell under the wagon, both wheels passing over him, breaking his neck and crushing his skull, killing him almost instantly. He was known as a careful driver; and had been in the employ of Mr. Lytle several months. A verdict of accidental death was rendered. Deceased was twenty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife.

Black Diamonds.

During the present rise in the river the following coal boats and barges were ready to go out, and some of them have gone, though the sudden and heavy run of ice from the Allegheny cause a detention of some of the boats. However, those not already gone will probably get off in a day or two, or as soon as the weather moderates:

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FOR CINCINNATI.			
Wm. Stone	8		75,000

Lawrence Railroad Company.

The annual meeting of the Lawrence Railroad Company was held in this city on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at which time an election for a Board of Directors was held to serve during the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of the following named persons: G. W. Cass, J. N. McCullough, Thomas D. Messler and John P. Jackson, of this city, A. L. Crawford and R. W. Cunningham, of New Castle, and Caleb B. Wick, of Youngstown. At a subsequent meeting of the Board yesterday, it organized by electing Thomas D. Messler President, and F. M. Hutchinson Secretary and Treasurer.

County Controller Warner and his assistants are busy making out the annual report of the fiscal affairs of the county.

LYNCH'S FATE.

Sentenced to be Hanged.

A Review of the Case—The Murder Last June—The Arrest, Trial and Conviction of Ambrose E. Lynch—His Side of the Story—The Reverse Statements—The Legal Efforts in his Behalf—The Final Scene on Saturday—Judge Sterrett Refers to the Facts—"A Premeditated Murder"—The Prisoner Called up for Sentence—Touching Remarks of Judge Sterrett—The Death Sentence Pronounced—The Demeanor of Lynch—The Features of the Scene.

A solemn and impressive scene was enacted in the Criminal Court on Saturday, the occasion being that set apart for the final disposition, so far as our County Courts are concerned, of the case of Ambrose E. Lynch, convicted of murder. The circumstances of the tragic affair, in which he took so terrible a part, have hardly faded from the remembrance of our readers.

ONE NIGHT IN JUNE

of last year, a man was found in a dying condition near the corner of Arch street and North avenue, Allegheny, and upon being removed to the lock-up, died in a few minutes. Previous to his removal from the place where first found, Ambrose E. Lynch came up and announced to the little crowd gathered around the fallen man, that he (Lynch) "had cut him," an assurance which he repeated to the police, as they came up, and which led to his being taken into custody. In the lock-up, while imprisoned in full view of the corpse of his victim, Lynch conversed in reference to the affair, and alleged that he had cut the man because he found him in his sister's room. The murdered man was William Hadfield, well known in the community, and of good repute.

MRS. TEET'S STORY.

The trial came off in a few weeks and the evidence was fully detailed in our reports at the time. On the trial, his sister, Mrs. Teets, as she had done at the inquest, deposed positively that Hadfield had visited her on the evening in question for immoral purposes. She said that her husband had gotten into a difficulty with a young woman in the upper part of the city and she was very anxious to effect an amicable arrangement. With Mrs. Hadfield she was very well acquainted, having done sewing in her family for eighteen years past, and to her she confided the trouble. It was then suggested that Mr. Hadfield might be able to aid in satisfactorily compromising the matter, and accordingly an appointment was made for him to visit the young woman that night and stop at Lynch's house. Mrs. Hadfield, however, altered his way home from the negotiation. He got there after eleven o'clock and the night being hot and the interview likely to be prolonged, he requested permission to remove his superfluous clothing. Afterwards he concluded to take of his boots and go to the hydrant in the back yard to bathe his feet. It was soon after his return to the room that Lynch heard the door open and began his his ferocious onslaught. This statement, so far as it refers to the appointment arrangement for Hadfield with Mrs. Teets, and the purpose for which it was made, was confirmed by Mrs. Hadfield, who earnestly repudiated any suspicion of her husband's infidelity.

LYNCH'S STORY.

Lynch's statement differed from this in that he alleged he broke the door open and found the man in the bed partially disrobed, when he in a frenzy of rage, stabbed him twice, and knocked down his sister who interfered. While he was scuffling the light went out and Hadfield disappeared.

The accused, after a trial continuing for three days, was convicted of murder in the first degree. His counsel, Messrs. Mackrell and Bredin, moved for a new trial, taking exceptions to several points in the charge of the Court. It was known a week ago, to a few, that the case would be called for final disposition on Saturday, but the matter at the request of the authorities was kept from publication in order that the spectacle of a throng of morbid curiosity seekers in the court room might be avoided. Thus it happened that the crowd in the lobby was not larger than on ordinary "sentence days," while there were but few members of the bar present inside the railing.

Judge Stowe occupied the bench at the opening of the Court, and after an hour was spent in the disposal of routine business, imposing lighter sentences (noted elsewhere) and the regular Saturday business.

About 11 o'clock,

LYNCH WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT

and almost immediately, His Honor, Judge Sterrett, who had been engaged in Common Pleas, made his appearance. In the interval of waiting, the prisoner talked with his counsel, and afterwards to the District Attorney, by whom he had been frequently interviewed. He assured that official that he harbored no ill-feeling towards him, and that as District Attorney he had only done his duty, in the kindest possible manner. His bodily health, too, had last flesh during his confinement, but he did not seem in the least to be suffering. He was neatly dressed, wearing drab pantaloons, striped with black, a heavy plaid cloth overcoat, and a white shirt with collar and black necktie. He had been informed of the decision of the Court previously, and was therefore not unprepared for the ordeal in the Court room. He conversed freely with his friends and lawyers, and seemed but little depressed with the terrible situation in which he was placed.

In the meantime, while the prisoner was conversing with his friends, His Honor Judge Sterrett was engaged in arranging the papers and in consultation with Judge Stowe. Evidently His Honor felt he had a disagreeable task before him, and felt like putting it off as long as possible.

At about half-past twelve o'clock the case was called up, and immediately there was a death-like silence in the Court-room. Judge Sterrett then announced that they had

OVERRULED THE MOTION

for a new trial, and proceeded to read the opinion of the Court. The first portion of the paper was principally in reference to the legal points involved, and after disposing of them His Honor said: The

FACTS OF THE CASE,

as presented by the testimony, were within a very narrow compass. It was not denied, nor could it have been with the very large squeeze that the prisoner inflicted the wounds which so speedily caused the death of William Hadfield. There was no serious conflict of testimony as to the time, place and circumstances under which the mortal stab in the left side was inflicted. The evidence by the prisoner that it was done in self-defense. Instead of being attacked by the deceased, he was himself the assailant. It was shown by the witnesses introduced to impeach the infidelity of his sister, in whose house he had been lodging, and after listening at the door of her private apartment, for a short time, he took out his knife, opened it, and after a second effort broke open the door of her room, and finding the deceased there, stabbed him three times. As to these prominent facts, the jury under the evidence could not have arrived at any other conclusion than them in finding, as they did, that the act of the prisoner, in thus taking the life of William Hadfield, was wilful, malicious, deliberate and premeditated. We are constrained to say that it did. On this point, the declarations of the prisoner were most conclusive against him. In the first place he stated that while listening at the door of his sister's room he took out and opened his knife, and then forced open the door. For what purpose was this preparation made? Was it for the purpose of attack or defense? If any doubt could exist as to this, his declarations afterwards were sufficient to dispose of it. Shortly after the tragic occurrence in the house, and while Hadfield was lying on Arch Street near the corner of Arch (Beaver) street and the Park, he came up with the knife in his hand, and stated, according to the testimony, that

HE HAD KILLED HIM,

that he had cut him, and exhibiting the knife, stated that it was the instrument with which he had cut him, and declared that if he had had a larger knife he would have put him through faster." He stated, after a trial continuing for three days, was convicted of murder in the first degree. His counsel, Messrs. Mackrell and Bredin, moved for a new trial, taking exceptions to several points in the charge of the Court. It was known a week ago, to a few, that the case would be called for final disposition on Saturday, but the matter at the request of the authorities was kept from publication in order that the spectacle of a throng of morbid curiosity seekers in the court room might be avoided. Thus it happened that the crowd in the lobby was not larger than on ordinary "sentence days," while there were but few members of the bar present inside the railing.

Judge Stowe occupied the bench at the opening of the Court, and after an hour was spent in the disposal of routine business, imposing lighter sentences (noted elsewhere) and the regular Saturday business.

About 11 o'clock,

LYNCH WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT

and almost immediately, His Honor, Judge Sterrett, who had been engaged in Common Pleas, made his appearance. In the interval of waiting, the prisoner talked with his counsel, and afterwards to the District Attorney, by whom he had been frequently interviewed. He assured that official that he harbored no ill-feeling towards him, and that as District Attorney he had only done his duty, in the kindest possible manner. His bodily health, too, had last flesh during his confinement, but he did not seem in the least to be suffering. He was neatly dressed, wearing drab pantaloons, striped with black, a heavy plaid cloth overcoat, and a white shirt with collar and black necktie. He had been informed of the decision of the Court previously, and was therefore not unprepared for the ordeal in the Court room. He conversed freely with his friends and lawyers, and seemed but little depressed with the terrible situation in which he was placed.

In the meantime, while the prisoner was conversing with his friends, His Honor Judge Sterrett was engaged in arranging the papers and in consultation with Judge Stowe. Evidently His Honor felt he had a disagreeable task before him, and felt like putting it off as long as possible.

At about half-past twelve o'clock the case was called up, and immediately there was a death-like silence in the Court-room. Judge Sterrett then announced that they had

OVERRULED THE MOTION

for a new trial, and proceeded to read the opinion of the Court. The first portion of the paper was principally in reference to the legal points involved, and after disposing of them His Honor said: The

FACTS OF THE CASE,

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FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

(THIRD SESSION.)

Refunding Differential Duties—Fixing the Salaries of Certain Executive Officers—Consideration of the New Sloops of War—Postal Telegraph—Equalizing the Pay of Retired Army and Florida Contested Seat.

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1873.

SENATE.

DIFFERENTIAL DUTIES.

Mr. MORRILL (Vermont) reported from the Committee on Finance an original bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund differential duties on articles actually on ship board in French vessels designed for the United States on the 5th of November, 1872.

FIXING SALARIES.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill fixing the salaries of certain executive officers, with amendments. As amended by the committee, the bill provides that each of the following named officers shall be paid an annual salary of $4,000: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Assistant Postmaster Generals, Solicitor, Register and Supervising Architect of the Treasury, Department Commissioners of Patents, Indian Affairs, General Land Office, Pensions and Customs, Auditors of the Treasury, Superintendent of the Money Order System, and Superintendent of Foreign Mails.

POSTROAD BILL.

Mr. RAMSEY, from the Committee on Post-offices, reported the annual Postroad bill, with amendments.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. WRIGHT, authorizing a reference to the Court of Claims the claim of book agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

By Mr. PRATT, legalizing the titles of seven years' settlers on lands to which the Indian titles have been extinguished.

By Mr. STEWART, authorizing the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company to make payable in lawful money bonds which it has hitherto been authorized to issue.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. WEST presented the credentials of P. B. S. Pinckback, Senator-elect from Louisiana.

LEVEES ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Mr. ALCORN introduced a bill to provide for the construction of levees on the Mississippi river, which was referred to the Committee on Levees.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. MORRILL (Maine), from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the legislative appropriation bill.

NEW SLOOPS OF WAR.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the bill to authorize the construction of six new sloops of war.

Mr. CRAGIN offered an amendment limiting the aggregate tonnage of the vessels to ten thousand tons, and the aggregate cost to four million dollars. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

THE TELEGRAPH LINES.

On motion of Mr. MORRY, the Committee on Appropriations was instructed to inquire into the present value of the telegraph lines, and the cost of construction of the same, and the probable cost of new lines.

EQUALIZING PAY OF RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS.

On motion of Mr. BUCKLEY, the Military Committee was instructed to inquire as to legislation for equalizing the pay of retired army officers.

ENTERING TIMBERED LANDS.

The bill was passed authorizing settlers upon untimbered land to enter forty acres of timbered land for every one hundred and sixty acres of untimbered land, at $1.25 per acre.

FLORIDA CONTESTED SEAT.

Mr. MCCRARY, from the Election Committee, reported that Mr. Niblack, the contestant, was entitled to the seat from Florida, as against Walls.

COMMERCE.

The rest of the day was given to the Committee on Commerce, for the consideration of reports from that committee.

NEW YORK.

Continuation of "Boss" Tweed's Trial.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF GARVEY.

NEW YORK, January 21, 1873.

TRIAL OF TWEED.

In Tweed's case, Garvey's cross-examination occupied the whole day. Witness testified he was not so poor as to be required to work for the county. He told Mayor Hall that his (witness') bills were just to create an effect. Witness explained the manner in which he and Ingersoll made up his bills. These bills were partially just. There was not thirty-five per cent. of any bill due the county. Each bill was presumed to bear the same proportion of my claims. Of these claims only $241,000 was due from the county. No part of any bill was entirely true.

Witness didn't definitely know how much was true. Nobody saw the bills until witness rendered them; kept them entirely to himself; vouchers accompanied the warrants for these bills; got directions from Watson how to make out the bills; Tweed's clerks was not on some of his bills. The prices charged for work were regular, but the amounts were increased. He put in five thousand dollars in one bill on his own hook to pay election expenses. Witness had no idea of concealment in making up his bills. He didn't know how many bills were not sworn to; remember swearing to one which was an honest bill. Woodward directed him to make deposits or payment of some of his bills to his own order.

The defence wanted to show that some of the bills alleged to be sworn to by Garvey were not verified, but the court would not allow it. The defence also wanted to show additional perjury in witness in swearing that Tweed enlarged bills fifteen per cent., but the court thought it irrevalent.

On further examination, witness said he only swore to one affidavit, which was on his first bill. Witness recognized a number of warrants in which other names were inserted, as Hayes. Some of these names were incorrect.

The defence wanted to show that Garvey virtually forged some of those names for the purpose of defrauding the county, altering the names slightly to protect himself; also that witness engaged in independent speculation, and did not divide the moneys as stated.

After argument, the court decided to exclude the testimony.

The cross-examination was continued. Garvey said he never returned to the county a cent of the $13,000 he got from Woodward for work done for him, the $60,000 which he gave Tweed, and says he was repaid by taking it from the county, the $40,000 for Walter R. che, the $50,000 which he contributed to election expenses, or the $5,000 he gave towards buying up the committee.

Adjourned till Thursday.

LARGE BEQUEST TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Mary E. C. Van Horn, and Episcopalian, who died recently, left property to the value of nearly half a million of dollars, the great bulk of which is bequeathed to charitable institutions in this city.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Mr. Cobb's bronze warehouse on Dry street was burned last night. Loss one hundred thousand dollars.

THE OLD WORLD.

GREAT BRITAIN.

PERSONAL.

LONDON, January 21.—Prince Napoleon and his wife, Princess Clothilde, yesterday visited the Queen.

OBITUARY.

The Right Honorable Stephen Lushington, D. C. L., died yesterday.

CONTRADICTION.

There is a special from Brussels contradicting the statement that Count Schonveloff failed in his mission to secure the co-operation of the British Government in the measures contemplated by Russia in Central Asia.

ENNA EXPOSITION.

LONDON, J

The world's exhibition at Vienna will open in May. The American commission is very active in securing space and providing accommodations for exhibitors from the United States.

THE IRON MINERS' STRIKE.

There is reason to hope that the strike of iron miners in the south of Wales will soon terminate.

FRANCE.

PROBABLE UNION OF LEGITIMISTS AND ORLEANISTS.

PARIS, January 21.—The Orleans Princes today for the first time attended mass in commemoration of Louis XVI. at the chapel of Expiation. The circumstance excites comment, and is regarded by some of the journals as an indication that the union of Legitimists and Orleanists has been completed.

COMMUNISTS TO BE SHOT.

Fenouilly, Rocamp and Berist, three Communists under sentence of death, will be shot tomorrow morning at Satory.

In the case of ten other Communists who were to have been executed about the same time, the President has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life.

CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

The court martial sitting at Algiers has condemned to death eight of the perpetrators of the Palestro massacre, and sentenced thirty-seven others to various terms of imprisonment.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Further Particulars of the Battle With the Modocs.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 20.—Additional reports from the scene of Friday's battle with the Modocs give the whites known to be killed at ten, and thirty wounded. Lieut. Robert Fairchild, in command, cannot live. The Modocs fought naked and with the greatest desperation, springing from rock to rock, picking off the soldiers, and obliging many to hide themselves till darkness afforded a means of escape. The troops made several charges along the line of the lava bed, and were repulsed. Captain Jack has the strongest natural position in the country. Howitzers could not be used to any advantage, owing to the dense fog.

Marine News.

LONDON, January 21.—The steamships City of Brooklyn and Rhine have arrived out.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR INTERESTS.

To the Pittsburgh Gazette:

PITTSBURGH, January 17, 1873.

By permission, I propose through your wide paper, to make public a few thoughts which appear to me to be appropriate at this particular time.

In yesterday's papers a report comes to us that the iron men of Pittsburgh and vicinity had spent some hours of the previous day in consultation over, what is to them, the all absorbing question for the present and the future of iron business of the western country, and especially of this city, viz: How shall the extortion proposed to be practiced by the Lake Superior and Missouri districts be met or defeated.

These are the points from which our furnaces derive nearly all their supplies, hence the importance of the threatened movement on their part to double the price of ore, the very foundation material of our iron business.

Ordinarily when there is no war or rumors of war or other disturbing cause, men in legitimate business, such as mining ore or making pig iron or cutting timber, or manufacturing any of the staple and necessary commodities of our everyday use and necessities, I say ordinarily, men in these branches of business are satisfied with a reasonable advance, such as ten per cent., or even twenty-five per cent. when an extraordinary demand is anticipated; but these owners of ore beds must certainly embrace among their number some who have tasted blood during our late war, and having had the privilege of skinning those Siam cats of the time when nearly all his friends forsook him, except the brave and honest soldier who bared his bosom to the fate of the battle-field, while the real enemies of the country were filling their coffers by extortion and robbery—I say surely some such unrighteous principles must control the spirits who are now controling the mining interests of this western country. If the owners of mines succeed in this unwise policy, they will only succeed for a time, and all past experience proves that they will be the sufferers in the end.

There is not an iron manufacturer in this whole country but will say that the most unwise thing that the Iron Association ever did was putting iron up to 8½ cents per pound, just because they could. The dregs of the evil of that misstep on their part are lingering in the iron business to this day, like calomel in the bones of the patient who has used it to remove disease. Report has it that at this meeting there was represented about fifty millions of capital, all employed in the iron business, and that a committee was appointed to confer with the ore men and see whether a compromise could not be effected. I am exceedingly sorry that the suggestions and general discussion of the subject had not been given to the public; no doubt if it had, you would have been spared the infliction of this communication, but as it has not, let me drop a hint to the iron men of Pittsburgh.

About two years ago, or more, they were urged to take hold of the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, and push it through to the inexhaustable beds of iron ore, of West and East Virginia; only a few responded, the result is as I see by the late report of the President, that this company found it inexpedient to bond the road down with a floating debt, and having exhausted about all the means obtained from stock and the sale of bonds, they have virtually stopped the road at Monongahela City until they succeed in realizing money from the further sale of bonds; and so we go. Owners of the iron mines see that the iron men would not protect themselves by combining together and building this road, which would give them the ore if they so much needed just now, and so the ore men say, "here is our chance, let us give it to them right and left; they can't evade us now or for some time, so hit them again," and we outsiders cannot help saying from this know of it, perhaps they deserve it; but Mr. editor, don't you agree with me that the iron men of this district should immediately combine together and call on the managers of the P. V. & C. R. R. and say to them this road, Gentlemen, is of vital importance, and that at once, as fast as men and money can do it, and we will see that the money is provided. The President further says in his report that by late examination it is found to be true that the ores of this country are very abundant. Now my Pittsburgh iron friends, here is your opportunity; concentrate your efforts in this work, it is your only sure remedy for the future if not for the immediate present, the amount of money required would not be as large as some might think. I understand that $800,000 of stock has been taken that by crossing the Monongahela at or near Monongahela City and going up the north side of the river, the owners on that side propose to raise or have raised $200,000 more, making one million stock. Now, if our iron men, or Pittsburghers generally, would raise $1,000,000 more stock (one million is small matter for Pittsburgh, considering the importance of the interests at stake), this would be ample, when you consider that for every dollar of stock, you add, at least, four dollars credit, and not only so, but credit which would make the negotiation of bonds easy. The old adage "*better late than never*," comes in here with force. Will our iron men rise to the importance of this subject now? The public waits for an answer.

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LITTLE WASHINGTON.

Money, Real Estate and Railroad Facilities—Educational Interests—Washington and Jefferson College—The Female Seminary—Week of Prayer.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, PA., Jan. 20, 1873.

LITTLE WASHINGTON.

Is it because "Little Washington" reposes, in dignity, upon the glorious record of the past, that you so seldom hear from her? Or, perhaps, her relative position among sister towns and cities is so assured as to lift her above the competitions and rivalries of these striving times. However independent she may be of the world's opinion, the world itself would lose so much by not hearing from her now and then, that, from pure compassion to the rest of mankind, it seems proper to give your readers occasional glimpses of our changes and progress.

MONEY AND REAL ESTATE AND RAIL FACILITIES.

"The money market is tight" here as it is in the smoky city and elsewhere just now. But the pressure is so equally distributed that there is little peril of failure or distress in any particular direction. Meanwhile real estate is running up to unwarranted figures. Easy and quick connexion with Pittsburgh by means of the Charters Valley R. R. is undoubtedly a chief cause, as we may infer from the remunerative travel and freight which that road has commanded from the first. Second to this is the present activity of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Company in extending the venerable Hempfield so as to intersect the Connellsville, and thus make a main route from east to west, claimed to be shorter than any other. These combined may in part counteract the tendencies to the concentration of the business of this large, intelligent and wealthy county in your great city, at the expense of the "county seat."

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

But the main interest of this place is Educational, and to share its advantages in this respect is the chief motive for the purchase of residences at rates astonishing to the old inhabitants. The compound result is a stable local business, and a community setting a high premium upon intelligence. We may not indulge vain boasting, yet sad indeed would be the failure, if a people enjoying the benefit of a college since the dawn of the present century, and a female seminary covering just one half of its history, as well as public schools said to be among the foremost in the State, were not somewhat given to literature, even should traffic suffer. Yet it must not be thought that we live on "philosophic nuts" and "Greek roots" alone.

TRAVERSE CITY.

By the way, Dr. Hays, the energetic President of Washington and Jefferson College, is at this very moment in Pittsburgh blowing the trumpet of appeal for such an increase of the endowment as will lift the head of this mother of ministers, statesmen and professional men generally, into rivalry with the foremost colleges in the land. During his absence, Vice President Linn is most efficiently conducting the Institution assisted by an able corps of professors. The attendance of students is very fair, considering the peculiar circumstances of the past few years. The crisis of litigation is over; give us money, and the highest success is certain.

FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Washington Female Seminary, the fair sister of the college, is still moving on in the noble work of educating the daughters of America. The teachers of the first class, who have gone forth from her halls to a majority of the States of the Union, outnumber the years of a century. Mrs. Hanna is still giving the best fruits of her experience in leading the procession of pupils up to the same high level of culture. Tuesday, marked an annual epoch in the quiet history of the venerable institution. It was "stockholders' day," when the owners of the property meet to hear the annual report of the trustees, discuss and press recommendations, eat oysters and turkey, and receive dividends upon their stock, when there is anything to be divided. Happily, this time, diminished improvements and repairs, found a counterpart in a five per cent. dividend. Of course, therefore, the occasion was gladsome; the Repair Committee went without stricture; and pockets and hearts answer to each other.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The "week of prayer" was generally observed by our churches. Several of them have been sufficiently encouraged by the attendance and interest, to continue religious services all week.

GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RAILROAD.

TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, Jan. 15th, 1873.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

It is difficult, perhaps it might be said to be impossible, for any one person to understand or enumerate the numerous railroad enterprises that have developed and been carried forward toward completion within the past five years. Excepting some half dozen persons directly interested in the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, not one person in your town could tell where Traverse City lies, or what connection or interest it has with Pittsburgh.

Traverse City is at the head of Grand Traverse Bay, an arm of Lake Michigan, reaching from the northern and eastern side of the Lake some thirty miles inland, southwardly. Grand Traverse Bay is again divided by a tongue or peninsula of land into two arms, called East and West Bay; at the head of the latter and at the outlet of the Boardman river lies

TRAVERSE CITY.

This point is now the practical terminus of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, and until the Northern Pacific Railroad is extended from Duluth to the Straits of Mackinac. This will probably remain the principal point for business between the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, and Lake Superior and Northern Wisconsin.

Some of your readers will bear in mind, that about three years ago a company was formed with its head quarters it Pittsburgh, which undertook the building of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, an enterprise designed to connect Fort Wayne, through Grand Rapids with the Strait of Mackinac. At that time there was but twenty miles of road completed, and the finances of the company were so involved, that the munificent donation of lands and valuable franchises of the charter were about to be lost, or pass into adverse hands. Through the enterprise of those controlling the Continental Improvement Company, more than four hundred miles of railroad have been completed and thoroughly equipped, and the financial affairs of the railroad company are on the most substantial footing. Form Fort Wayne northward to this place, a distance of two hundred and eighty-five miles, an immense traffic has been developed, far exceeding the expectations of the managers and stockholders of the road and company. On the northern portion of the road, the trade has developed with such rapidity that it is constantly in advance of the equipment and millions upon millions of feet of lumber are now piled at the several stations waiting transportation, with no immediate prospect of relief.

The main line of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad runs about twenty-five miles eastward from this place, which is reached by means of a branch, known as the "Traverse City Railroad," but owned and operated it the same interest as the main line. Alternated and interspersed with the enormous tracts of valuable pine lands, are immense growths of hard wood timber, and most huge and vigorous maples, elm, beech, ash, cherry and other woods exist to furnish abundant coal to smelt the valuable and contiguous ores of Lake Superior. These lands, when cleared, are valuable for agricultural purposes. The soil is light and easily worked, but exceedingly productive, and wheat, corn and the grasses mature and yield abundantly. Potatoes are unequalled in quality and in productiveness—for fruit, the localities near the Lake and Bays, rival the famed "st. Jo." belt.

This city lies less than one hundred miles from Escanaba by water, and being on the most direct and eligible route between that point and the eastern cities, there is little doubt that the great stream of trade to and from Lake Superior, will mainly take this course. It is in contemplation to open the ensuing season with a line of steamers between Escanaba and Traverse City, the great and steadily increasing traffic will no doubt make this a profitable investment.

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UNIONTOWN.

New Trial Granted Jacob Staup—Appearance of the Prisoner—Testimony Concerning Hastings, the Alleged Murderer of Abel.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

UNIONTOWN, PA., January 21, 1873.

THE WEATHER.

We are having milder weather again to-day, and the snow has nearly all disappeared, hurried by last night's rain.

COURT CONVENED.

Adjourned court convened yesterday, and after considerable delay, got started to business and have tried one little civil case.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED JACOB STAUP.

The motion for a new trial in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jacob Staup, charged with the killing of Alpheus Glover, was argued at December Court, and the decision of the Judges was made known to-day. Hon. S. A. Gilmore, President Judge, delivered the opinion of the Court, granting a new trial, because the wounds shown to have been inflicted upon the prisoner, were not sufficiently accounted for, neither by the testimony nor by the theory of the prosecution. The Court room was nearly full of people awaiting the decision, and when the Judge began to speak the audience almost held its breath; and when the result was known, almost every countenance exhibited a feeling of relief, for although the life of a fellow-mortal hung in the balance, and that justice, though tempered by mercy, would be done. The countenance of the prisoner was cold and inpassive, and he appeared almost indifferent, but when he knew that a new trial was a change, and fears glistened in his eyes. The Judge hoped that his written opinion would not be published in full, but only the one reason I have given above, because he wished nothing done that would prejudice the minds of the people on either side.

HASTINGS, THE MURDERER OF ABEL.

Sheriff Messmore received a telegram from Ironton, Ohio, last Thursday, inquiring the amount of the *reward* offered for Wm. Hastings, the murderer of Abel. He immediately returned word that three hundred dollars was offered by the brother of the murdered man. The District Attorney also sent word that the money was here ready. Many persons supposed that Hastings was in custody, and would be brought here immediately, but we have received no more information about him, and perhaps never will. Abel's friends anxiously await every train at the depot, always hoping that Hastings will be brought by some officer of the law. "Q."

CHERRY TREE CHIPS.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

GRANT, INDIANA CO., PA., January 20, 1873.

We have had sleighing for about six weeks—over a foot of snow. The holidays passed in the usual way, some observing them religiously, others the reverse.

The lumbermen are very busy getting their timber to the river on the snow. There is some very fine square timber coming in. The loggers are active, too, too much so for the good of the country. The horses have mostly recovered from the epizootic, and the people quite generally are having a similar disorder. Some are very sick with it.

"LOCAL OPTION."

Clearfield county has voted on the local option issue, and by a large majority decided to have no *license* to sell intoxicating drinks for the next three years. Good for hard, old Clearfield. May she never go back on that day's record! I think Clearfield was the first county that voted on that issue. It is the beginning. What a blessed thing if the remainder of the State would do likewise, and do banish for, we hope, all time, the liquor traffic, from our midst.

THE CHURCHES.

There is considerable interest in some of our churches, with frequent accessions. Last Sabbath night we had quite an interesting lecture on Palestine, by Rev. Sample, who recently visited that interesting part of the world, spending a hundred days there. D.

AMUSEMENT WORLD.

The Wandering Stars.

America's greatest actress, Charlotte Cushman, lately played in St. Louis, as *Meg Merrilies*....Mrs. Gladstone, it is intimated, will come back to the United States, from Australia, where she has been acting, with variable success.... Miss Lucille Western appears to have got well. She was announced to act at Trenton, N. J., last week....Mrs. Chanfrau has been seriously ill, and compelled to give up some of her engagements....Mrs. John Wood, it is stated, will return to London, and reopen the St. James Theatre....Janauschek is in Washington.... Miss Lydia Thompson appeared in New Orleans on the 13th. In March she will act at the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia....Mrs. Macready will shortly act in Chicago....Miss Glyn gave a reading, on the same authority, in England, on the tragedy of "Hamlet."....Miss Carlotta Leclercq ended an engagement for several weeks, at the Boston Globe Theater, on the 11th inst....Miss Ada Harland began an engagement in Philadelphia, on the 13th inst., at Wood's Museum, in a play called "Beulah, or the Sewing-Machine Girl....Miss Maggie Mitchell crossed the Mississippi in a skiff the night before Christmas....Lucca and Kellogg are in Boston....The Patti-Mario Troupe sung in the Philadelphia Academy of Music on the 6th inst....Miss Cushman, Miss Rose Hersee, Miss Emma Howson, Mr. Robert McWade, and Mr. Joseph Proctor were in Chicago, last week ....Prof. Anderson, the Magician, is in Liverpool....Mr. Lawrence Barrett has appeared at the Varieties Theater, New Orleans, of which he is manager, and has been received with ardent enthusiasm....Messrs. Maffit and Bartholomew are playing at the Boston Howard Athenæum. Mr. W. J. Florence appeared at the Boston Globe Theater on the 13th inst....Mr. Couldock lately acted *Triplet*, at the Globe Theater, Boston....Mr. J. Allen, Miss Alice Harrison, and "Little Mac" are at the Alhambra, San Francisco....Mr. and Mrs. Boucicault ended an engagement at Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, on the 11th inst....The Worrell Sisters, and Herr Wilfenbuck, who beats at one time upon 16 drums, are playing at the New American Theatre, Philadelphia....Mr. Henry Irving continues to be successful in London.... Miss Laura Keene has been lecturing on "Pine Arts, Comedy, Dramas, and Belles." Of this discourse is said to be "a defense of the drama." ....Mr. Lawrence Barrett acted at Montgomery, Ala., on the 10th inst....Mr. Jefferson is announced to act in St. Louis on the 27th inst. Davenport and his daughter, Miss Lilly Davenport, recently appeared in Richmond, Va.... Mr. Frank Mayo has been acting in Mobile. He played *Hamlet*. He is praised by *The Register*, for an emphasis in the speech to Ophelia—"I'll follow thee." This is thought to be new and significant....Mr. Edmund Falconer appears at Belfast, Ireland, January 20, and will afterward act in Glasgow....Mr. Lionel Brough and Mrs. Howard Paul, in London, have been seriously ill....Tom Thumb and wife, Commodore Nutt and Minnie Warren have been on exhibition, of late, at Concert Hall, Philadelphia. ....Mr. Lester Wallack and Mr. A. Sothern contributed fifty dollars each to the Thayer Benefit Fund, on the occasion of Mrs. Thayer's benefit performance, at the Philadelphia Academy of Music, on the 10th inst. Mr. G. L. Fox took a complimentary benefit, lately, at Ben de Bar's Opera House, St. Louis....Mr. J. K. Emmet is performing at the Adelphi Theatre, in London....Mr. John E. McDonough has delivered a lecture on "Dramatic Literature"—a pretty large field to be covered in one lecture....Mr. J. M. Bellew gave three farewell readings at Edinburgh, prior to his recent departure for America....Mr. James Bennett appears to have made a somewhat unusual success at Liverpool....Mr. Sothern, now at Wallack's, will be in California, in June and July, and in Australia in September and October....Mr. Creswick's *Hamlet* was lately seen at the Princess's Theatre, London....Mr. Bandmann lately acted *Hamlet* at Birmingham, in England....Mr. Phelps, the tragedian, is quite ill, and has quitted the stage for the present. Mr. James Bennett has returned to Liverpool from Halifax.

"Best Wife for a Poor Man."

The newspaper announcement that Miss Sophie Barney received the prize at an Alabama fair as "the best wife for a poor man," wakens immeasurable wonder as to the gauge of merit used by the judges. What relation, for instance, did working ability bear to worldly wealth? How are capacity for suffering and domestic accomplishments to be compared? Would a wife that could live on straw or one that could take in washing be preferable for a poor man? These things, indeed, are hard enough to determine, but when we conceive the energetic and inquisitive judges comparing those various attributes and possessions which are as pleasant in a poor man's wife, we presume, as in a rich one's one's mind recoils in very horror at the enormity of task. It may be that Miss Sophie Barney is the right woman for the place, but we don't know how they're going to prove it.

HOME NEWS.

Not on the Bills.

Last evening one of the Leopold's gymnasts engaged at Alm's Theatre, while doing the dangerous act of hanging by his toes from two rings held in the hands of the male and female who also hang by their toes from a trapeze, fell upon the piano, owing to the female losing her hold, but was fortunately not injured. The piano will need some repairs.

International Exposition at Vienna, 1873.

Those who desire to send articles to the above named Exposition are respectfully informed that the undersigned procures permit-certificates, good until December 31st, 1873, and that he is able to give all requisite information. Applications should be made without delay. Special preparations for the year's travel to Europe, particularly to Vienna, have personally been made by MAT SHAMBERG,

163 Smithfield street.

Swiss Scenes.

The beautiful Swiss scenes to be exhibited at Library Hall Thursday night, accompanied by a descriptive lecture, will convey more practical information of the land and its wonders than a year's reading. The entertainment promises to be one of rare interest, as well by reason of its varied character, embracing music, pictures and lecture, as for its really aesthetic nature. There has seldom been such an opportunity offered in Pittsburgh, and parents should not fail to thus lead their children to an interest in the study of the peculiarities of foreign people and climes.

National Reform Movement.

Last evening a meeting of the colored citizens was held in the Baptist Hall, Allegheny, for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary association for the religious amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Rev J. W. Terry was called to the chair, and made a brief address. He was followed by Messrs. M. A. Gault and Lewis Johnston, who made some remarks upon the question. The latter speaker alluded to the fact that this was the first meeting of colored people for this purpose. The meeting then adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst.

Commencing Early.

On Monday night the house of Mr. Lida Cullen, at No. 54 Third avenue, was entered by burglars, who took a quantity of jellies, candies, preserves, &c., to the value of about twenty dollars. Two brothers named Garrison, who live in the rear of the house, were arrested by Detectives Wilmot and Herron on suspicion of having committed the robbery. A key to a chest was found in the possession of the older boy, and in that chest were found the stolen articles. They were placed in the lock-up for a hearing. Another boy who is said to be implicated in the affair, is being searched for by officers. All of the three boys are under sixteen years of age.

Ungrateful.

Ellen Fanna appeared before Mayor Blackmore yesterday and charged Harriet Garran with larceny as bailee in stealing from her twenty-five dollars. If what Mrs. Fanna says is true, then the accused must be a very ungrateful woman. She alleges that Mrs. Garran was visiting her house on Monday evening, and while she was putting one of her children to bed, she dropped her pocket-book containing the money upon the floor, which she snatched the wallet out its hand, depleted it of its contents and then handed it back to the child. Detective Pender arrested the woman, and brought her before Mayor Blackmore, who held her in five hundred dollars bail to answer.

U. S. Circuit Court at Erie.

The Story Oil Farm case, which is being tried before the U. S. Circuit Court, Judge McKennan presiding, at Erie, was postponed on Monday on account of the sickness of one of the jurors. The Court proceeded to take up an interesting case, which has been on the docket for twelve or fourteen years, and which was before the Supreme Court two or three times. The case is that of John W. Scott vs. Ellis Sherman. Action in ejectment for ninety-one acres of land. The plaintiff claims under a deed of March 1st, 1841, John Scott, father of plaintiff in this case, executed a deagment, giving to John W. Scott all the right, title, interest, etc., in the above land and appurtenances at the death of the donor. The agreement, and quite a large crowd congregated in and about the building. Upon the assembling of the Committee, Col. William Phillips was elected chairman by acclamation. The Committee then proceeded to the election of a City Attorney, when Shipton nominated Mr. J. J. Slagle, the present incumbent, and Mr. Seely nominated Mr. T. S. Bigelow. On the first ballot the vote stood—Bigelow, 15; Slagle, 13, and Mr. Bigelow was declared to be elected.

The result seemed quite a surprise to the friends of the present incumbent, but as the action of the Committee must be confirmed by Councils before the election is declared final, it is intimated that the end is not yet, and that the right will be carried into Councils. If this idea is carried into effect it can only be done by a rejection of the candidate named by the Finance Committee, for the law provides that the Finance Committee shall nominate a candidate to Councils, and Councils can then either approve or reject. Two persons cannot be named at the same time. Hence, if the Committee names a candidate and he is rejected by Councils, some one else must be nominated by the Committee, and so on until Councils approves in joint session. The method, or procedure is precisely similar to the appointment of the President's Cabinet.

VAGARIES OF IRON.

Explosion of Seven Tons of the Boiling Metal on the South Side—Nobody Seriously Hurt.

About half-past four o'clock yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion was heard from the vicinity of the Birmingham bridge. Immediately rumors spread that a boiler explosion had occurred at Bolman & Garrison's foundry, on Ninth street, and that there were several killed and wounded. The facts of the case, however, did not warrant any such report. A reporter of this paper who visited the scene found the roof of the foundry had been entirely destroyed, all the window lights blown out, and the walls of the building cracked.

It appears that they were running off the iron from the cupola for the moulds, and had filled a laddle with some seven tons of the boiling metal, when, through some matter unknown, the crane-hooks broke, letting the iron fall into a hole in which stood about two feet of water, which had run in during the recent freshet, and immediately there was a most terrible explosion, the entire roof of the foundry being carried away. The building is situated near the bridge, and some of the hot iron iron was thrown upon it, setting the bridge as well as the foundry on fire. An alarm was immediately sounded. The fire department of the South Side were soon upon the ground, and they, with the assistance of two streams from the foundry, soon extinguished the flames. There were two or three persons slightly injured by the explosion, but none seriously. Their names are Daniel Kanadien, burned about the arms, David Strain, burned about the head, and others. The houses in the vicinity had their windows badly shattered. The damage to the foundry will amount to about ten thousand dollars. The bridge was very slightly damaged. Deputy Fire Marshal J. H. Schafer, after the accident happened, immediately telegraphed to Fire Marshal Butler, who investigated the case, but nothing new from the above facts was elicited.

The College Journal for January contains a resume of the correspondence of William Thaw, Jr., with graphic descriptions of scenes and incidents in Spain and France. The Thaw letters especially, as well as other original and selected matter, make this number of the Journal a very interesting and attractive one.

BREVITIES.

....A defective flue was the cause of the Parker's conflagration.

....The Committee on Appeals from City Assessments organized yesterday by electing S. P. Fulton, Esq., Chairman.

....The Railroad Committee of Councils met yesterday and organized by electing Wm. McConway, Esq., Chairman.

....A masquerade ball was to take place this evening, at the Opera House, at Parker's. It will probably be postponed.

....The Western Pennsylvania Poultry Association can justly crow over the success of their exhibition, which closes to-day.

....The special committee of Councils appointed to conduct the First ward election contest, failed to get a quorum last evening, and adjourned until this Thursday evening.

....Yesterday afternoon a detachment of United States soldiers, from the Arsenal, acted as escort to the funeral of William Mann, the veteran of the war of 1812, who died on Sunday.

....A runaway horse yesterday ran into another that was being ridden by a colored man. The man escaped, but the horse was thrown against the sidewalk, and had his leg broken. He was afterwards shot.

....The grocers of this vicinity are taking measures to urge the passage of a bill now before the Legislature, which enables them to attach the wages of delinquent customers. A committee has been appointed to represent them at Harrisburg.

....At a recent sale of fine paintings of the French, German and Belgium schools, held in Philadelphia, C. H. Wolff, Esq., of this city, purchased the following: "I Will be Revenged," by Portaels, $3,500; "The Bird's Nest," by Chas. Chaplin, $940; "Amusing the Baby," by Guillemin, $1,200.

....The election for Directors of the Germania Savings Bank came off last evening, when the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: C. Meyers, J. F. Havekotte, Adam Heinaman, Joseph Abel, James R. Kerr, A. Steinmyer, Joseph Borgarstern, G. Schleter, Charles F. Schwarz.

....It is said that many of the sufferers by the Parker's fire have passed through a similar ordeal in the fires at Pithole and Petroleum Centre, and are becoming accustomed to such things. They did not seem disconcerted by the calamity, but will commence immediately to re-build the burnt district.

....Mrs. Coyle, a widow, residing with her son-in-law on Webster avenue, got up in her sleep on Monday night and wandered to the stairway, falling two flights, breaking her jaw and two ribs, besides other serious internal injuries. Owing to her age and the serious nature of her injuries, she is not expected to recover.

....The members of the Hampton Battery have elected the following non-commissioned officers: Billy Kerr, orderly sergeant; Chas. Bullock, J. W. Reynolds and James Donnelds, Oliver Hamilton, Robert Patterson, Thos. Carlton, George Langsdale, Henry Faulkner and Walter Williams.

....At a meeting of the Coal Exchange on Monday President Drave urged the importance of a bill now before Congress for the establishment of a system of light and buoys in the western waters. After discussion of the subject at length the meeting adopted resolutions requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influences for the passage of the bill.

....An application for a writ of *habeas corpus* was made yesterday before Judge Kirkpatrick, by Mrs. Jennie Hagen, who seeks to recover the custody of Ona and Emma Patterson, her daughters, aged nine and seven years respectively, who are now in St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum. The writ was directed to M. Borgia, Sister Superior of the Asylum, and made returnable on next Saturday morning.

....A little girl at Titusville lost her pet kitten, and placed the following advertisement in the *Herald*: "Lost—Kitten; calls to answer; will give to any one who will bring back my kittie. He is a Maltese, with a white breast. If anybody has such a kittie that don't belong to them, I wish they would bring it to me. Minnie Gaston." The editor thinks he foresees that advertisement he will doubtless return.

....For sudden atmospheric changes, this city is not excelled by any on the American Continent. On Monday snow covered our streets. Yesterday a shift was almost required to get over a crossing on account of the depth of the mud, little rivulets might be seen running from the side walks interlarded with *pellucid* lakes, on the gutters a dashing infantine river. The only clean crossing in the city to be seen yesterday was that from the Union Depot to the junction of Grant and Liberty streets.

....Some excitement was created in police circles yesterday by the arrest of a clerk in one of our Fifth avenue mercantile establishments on a charge of larceny—the amount in dispute being about $800, and the allegation that he had taken the goods and presented them to "a friend" in Lawrenceville. The accused is a married man, and has heretofore borne an excellent reputation, for which reason we refrain from giving the charges until they are fully investigated. The hearing will come off to-day.

....Yesterday proceedings were entered in the District Court by Letitia and James Reid, in right of Letitia Reid against Agilia Taylor for capias, for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment. Through E. A. Montooth, her attorney, she avers that on the 3d of January she was arrested on a charge of surety of the peace, and taken before Alderman McMasters, who remanded her to jail until the 4th inst., for trial at Quarter Sessions. On the hearing of the case before this tribunal she was discharged and prosecutor compelled to pay the costs. She alleges that she suffered damage.

POLICE PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of Criminalities.

DEPUTY MAYOR NELLIS, of Allegheny, sent eight cases to the Work House yesterday morning.

DEPUTY MAYOR BARKER had eight common cases yesterday morning, three of whom were sent to the Work House.

MRS. MULCAHY was disorderly in Mrs. Mary Nolan's house, so Squire McMeans sent officer Garrison with a *billet doux* to invite her to his office.

DAVID LEECH, who was placed in the East Liberty lockup on charge of being an accomplice of Smoker in stealing hogs, has been discharged by Deputy Mayor Gripp.

MARY ROSENSTEIN (no relation to the musician) came before Squire McMasters yesterday, and charged Michael Harkins, with larceny as bailee. She gave him five dollars to get a can of oysters, but instead of getting the succulent bivalves, he vamoosed. Warrants issued.

YESTERDAY morning Mayor Blackmore had twenty-nine common cases to dispose of. James Harkins, James Daugherty and Buck Shaner were each sent to Claremont for six months. S. Sadler and Eliza McLaughlin were retired for ninety days, and John Kelley was sent up for twenty days.

BEFORE Squire Moreland, Michael Kelly charges Joseph Kirkpatrick, with